

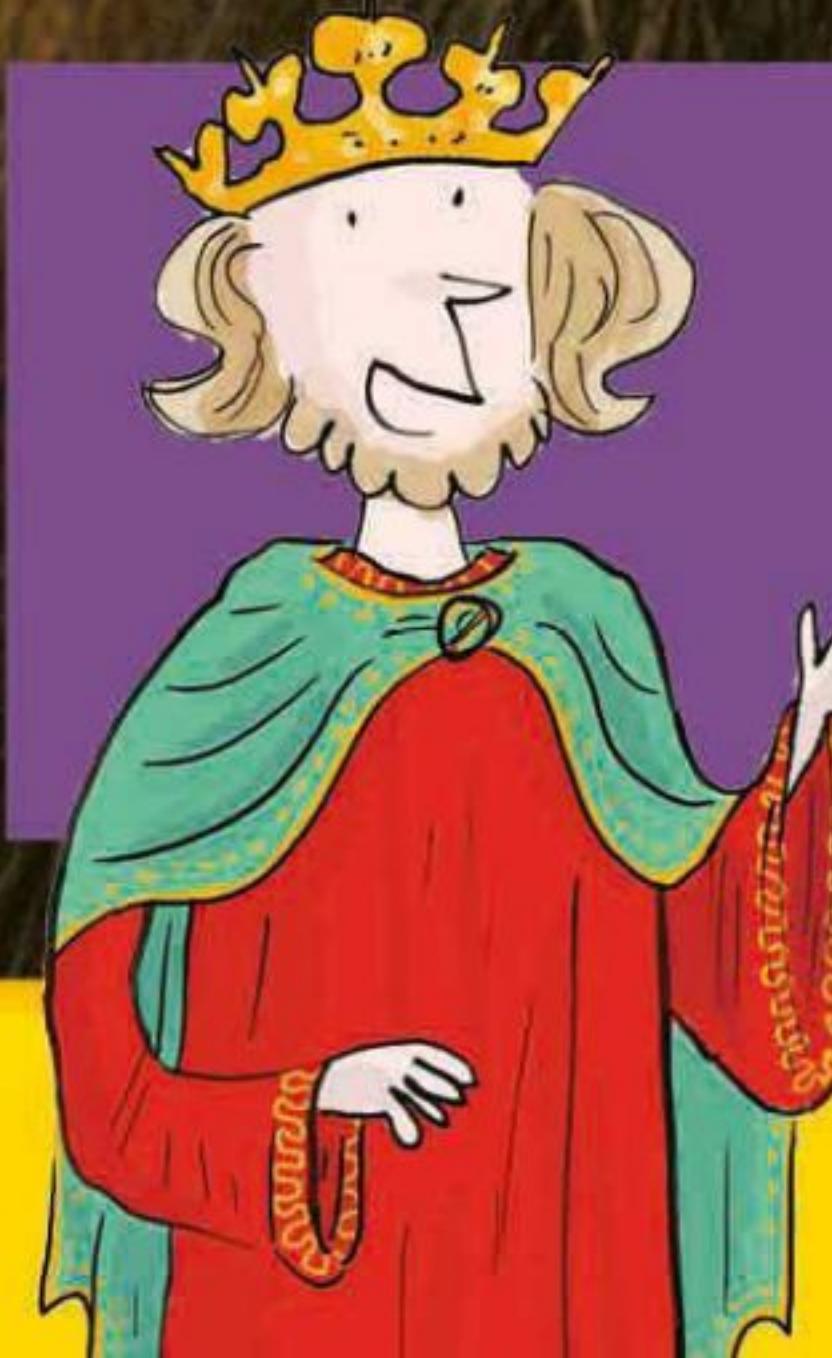
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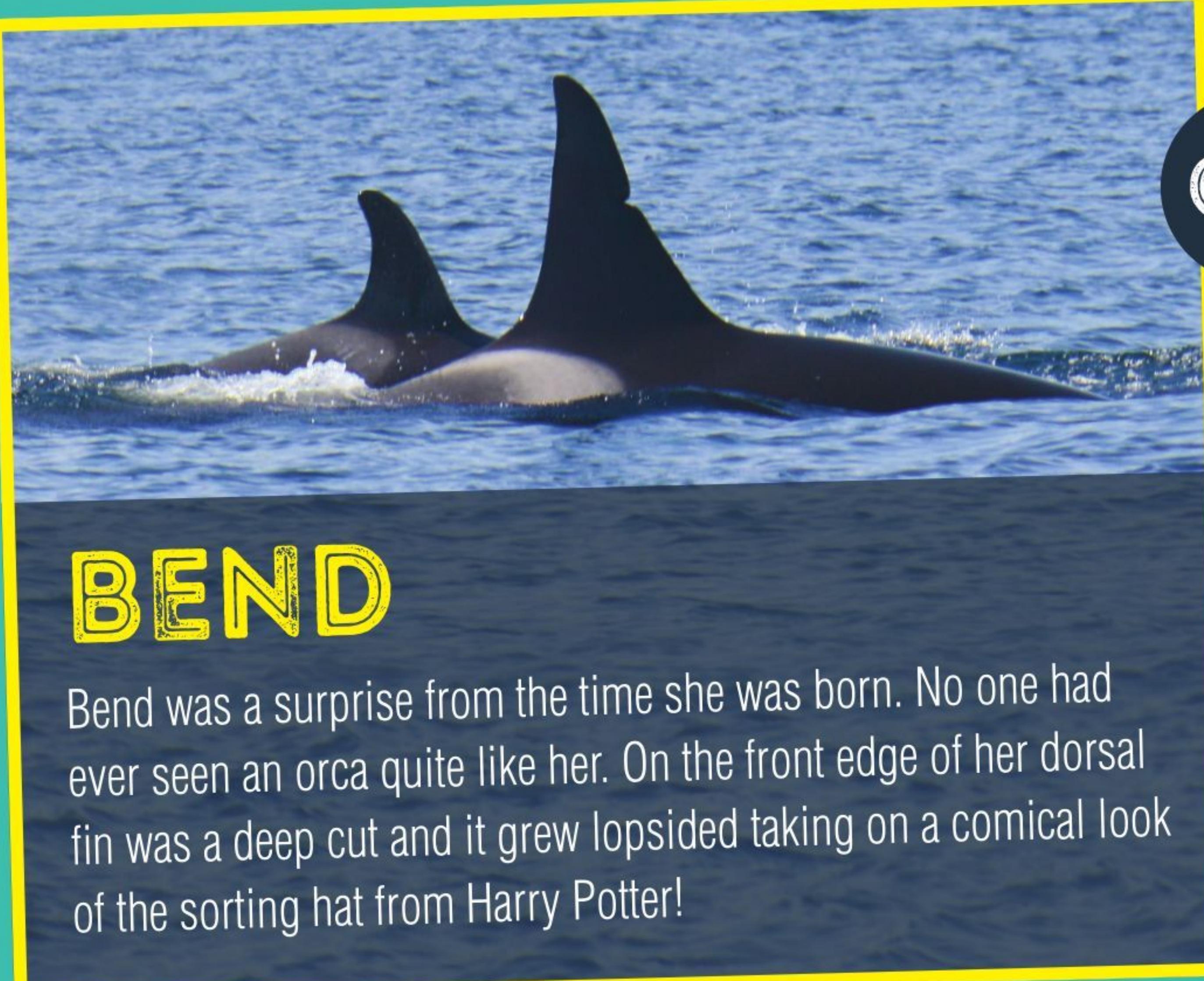
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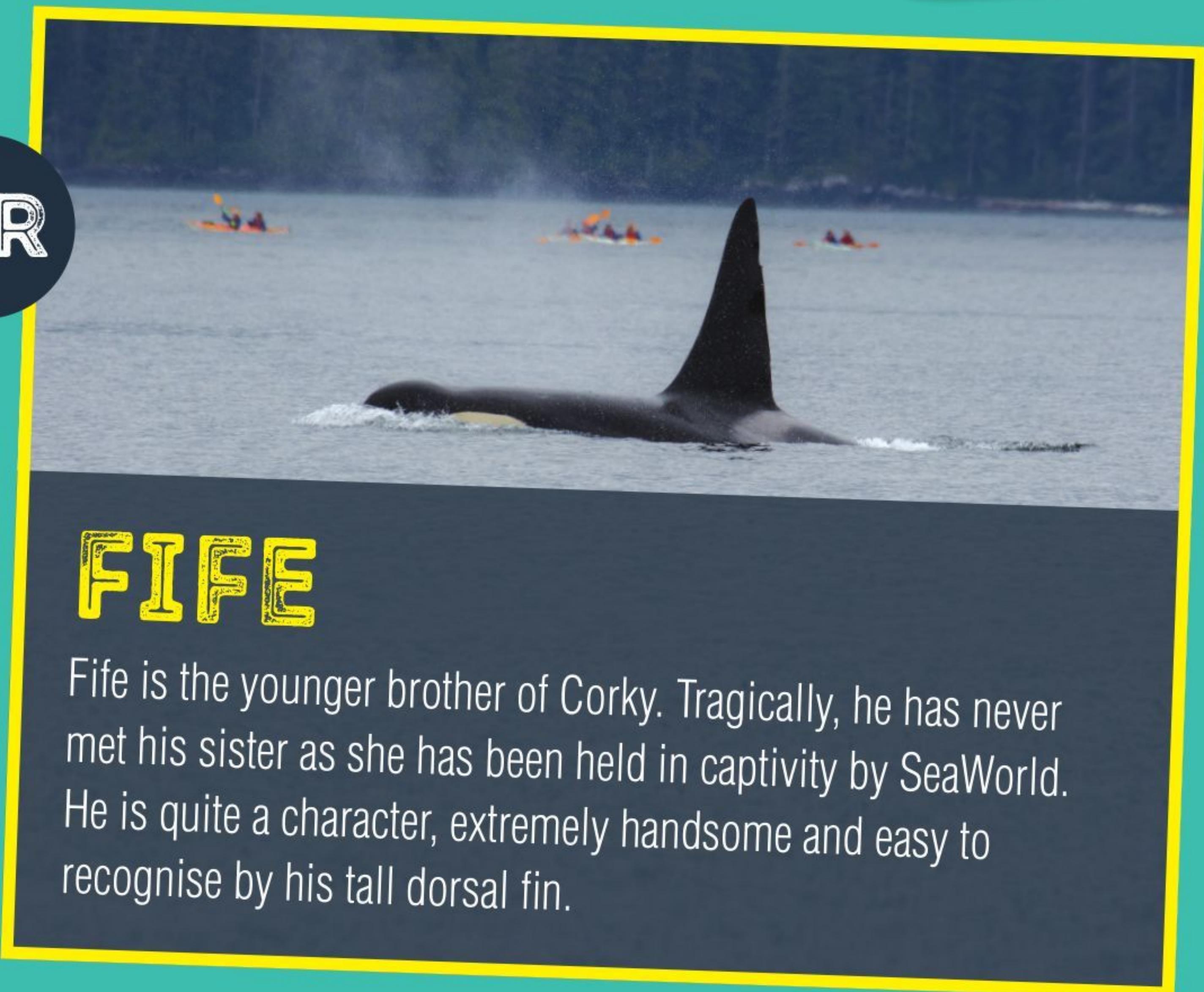
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BEND

Bend was a surprise from the time she was born. No one had ever seen an orca quite like her. On the front edge of her dorsal fin was a deep cut and it grew lopsided taking on a comical look of the sorting hat from Harry Potter!

OR



FIFE

Fife is the younger brother of Corky. Tragically, he has never met his sister as she has been held in captivity by SeaWorld. He is quite a character, extremely handsome and easy to recognise by his tall dorsal fin.

Hey KIDS!
We've put
together
another fun
and fact-
packed issue
for you to enjoy this month!



We hear from seven eco-heroes who've won 'Green Oscars' for saving the species they love, and Nat Geo Explorer Lucy Hawkes explains why she puts tags on terns and tuna - her stories are amazing! Plus, we meet two young refugees who've made new lives in the UK.

Best of all, we've put together another bumper Fun Stuff section to keep your brains in gear. You can test your parents, too. Hooray!

See you next month!

The Nat Geo Kids team

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Kaavan packs his trunk



There's been some good news for **Pakistan's loneliest elephant** – he's finally allowed to move to a **sanctuary**. Hooray!

Thirty-three-year-old Kaavan has lived in **Islamabad Zoo, Pakistan**, since **1985**. However, campaigners say that since **2002** he's been **held in chains**, with only a **small dirty pond to play in** and **virtually no shelter** from the **40°C heat**. Things became even worse for Kavaan when his only friend, a **female elephant named Saheli**, died in **2012**.

But after **campaigning from activists** (including the pop star **Cher!**), Pakistan's **High Court** ruled in **May** that Kavaan must be sent to an **elephant sanctuary** in **Sri Lanka** to live out the rest of his life. It also ordered other animals – including **brown bears** and **lions** – be relocated while the zoo improves its standards. *Elephant-astic!*



It's hoped Kavaan will soon be living a better life!

Moon base made of wee?!



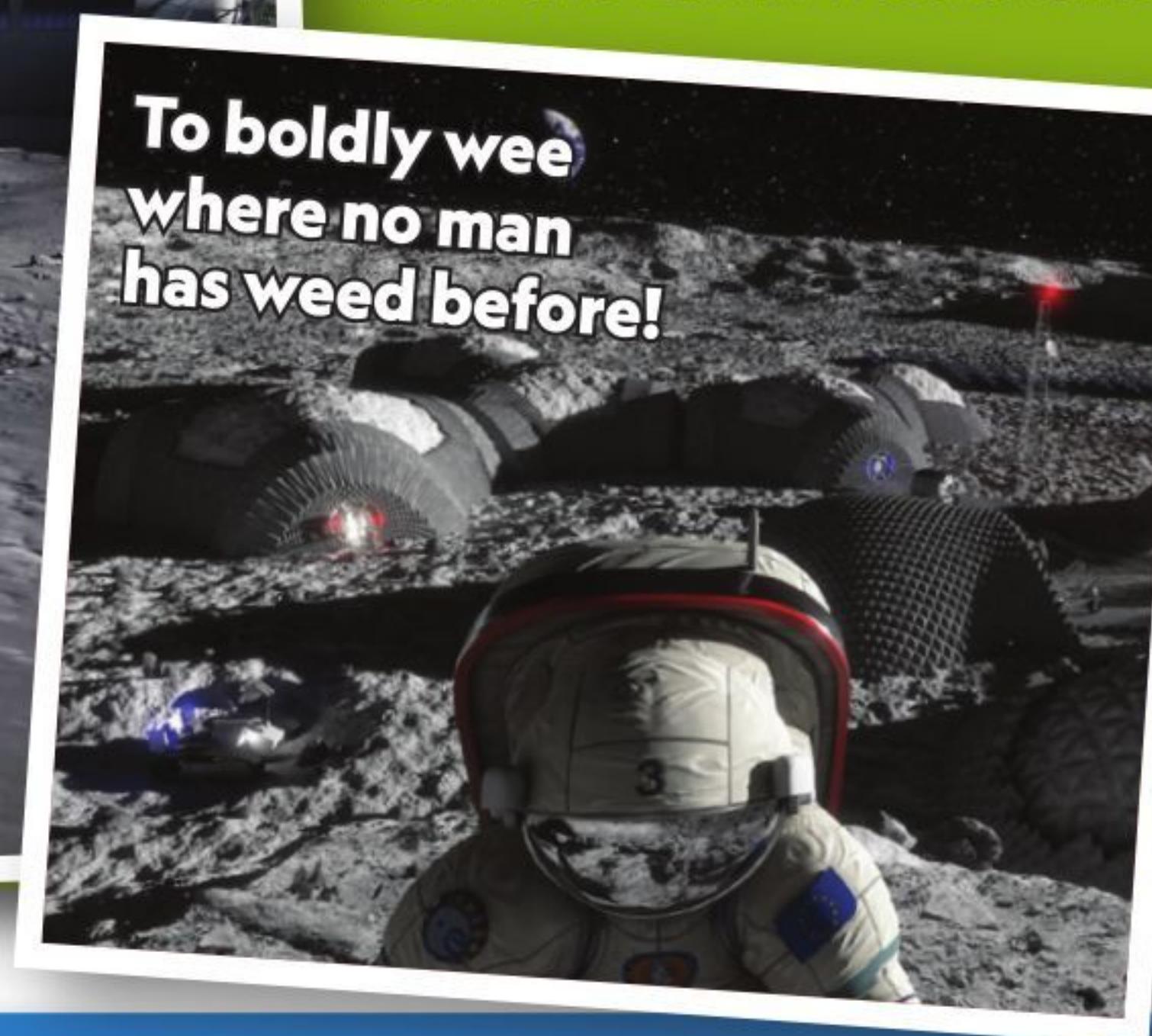
An artist's impression of the Moon base



Future astronauts could **build Moon bases** using an unlikely material – **bricks** made from their own **pee**! Scientists expect that in the near future we'll start **colonising** the Moon. But transporting **heavy building materials** from the Earth would take lots of **energy** and be very pricey. So the

European Space Agency has come up with a clever solution – they suggest creating '**lunar concrete**' by mixing together **water**, **urea** (a substance found in **pee**) and **lunar regolith** (a powdery soil found on the Moon's surface).

Each person produces about **1.5 litres** of wee every day, so astronauts would never run out of building materials. Un-pee-lievable!



To boldly wee where no man has weed before!

3 FAST FACTS!

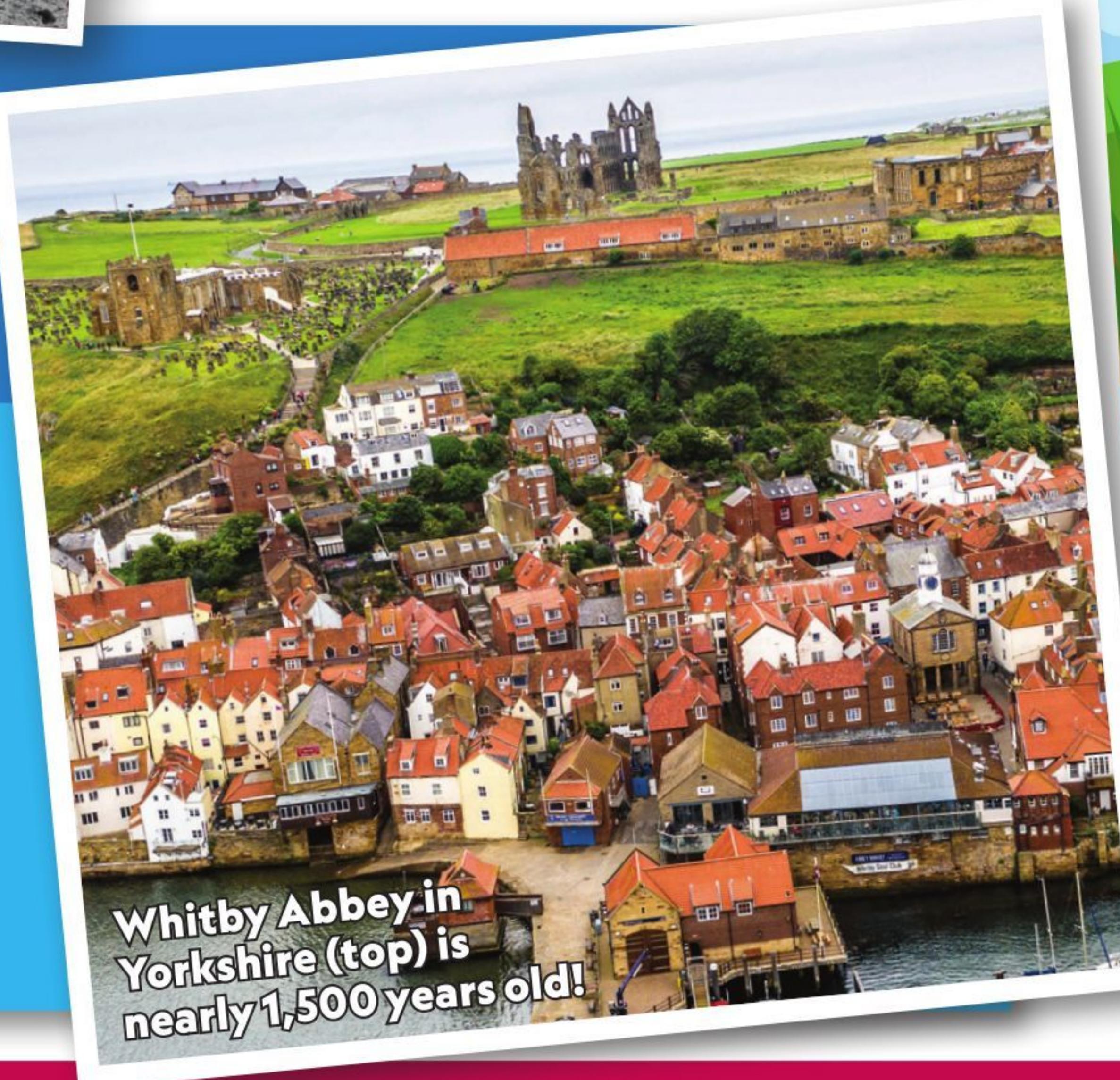
YORKSHIRE DAY

Put on your flat cap and celebrate the UK's largest county on 1 August!

1 Yorkshire is known for its **stunning scenery** – from the lush green rolling hills of the **Dales** to the beautiful, windswept **North Yorkshire Moors** and stunning, rugged **200-km coastline**. No wonder some people call it 'God's own county'!

2 During the **Industrial Revolution**, which ended in 1840, Yorkshire exported goods such as **wool** and **coal** all over the world. Though most mines are now shut, the **World Coal Carrying Championships** still takes place in the village of **Gawthorpe** each year!

3 Yorkshire is the birthplace of many tasty treats like **Wensleydale cheese**, **Pontefract cakes** (a type of **liquorice sweets**) and, of course, **Yorkshire puddings**. Would a Sunday roast be complete without them? Nom nom!



Robo dog on patrol!



It may sound *barking* mad but a **robot dog** is being used by authorities in **Singapore** to **enforce social distancing rules** during the Covid-19 pandemic! The **electric-powered pooch** named **Spot** (left) has been programmed to **bark a warning** at people who stand too close to each other. Yikes!

Made by robotics company **Boston Dynamics**, the mechanical mutt is able to move over **rough ground**, making it perfect for pootling around the city. It can even **climb stairs** and **open doors**. Meanwhile, in **New Zealand**, the robotic dogs have been used to **herd sheep**! How *baa-rilliant* is that?!

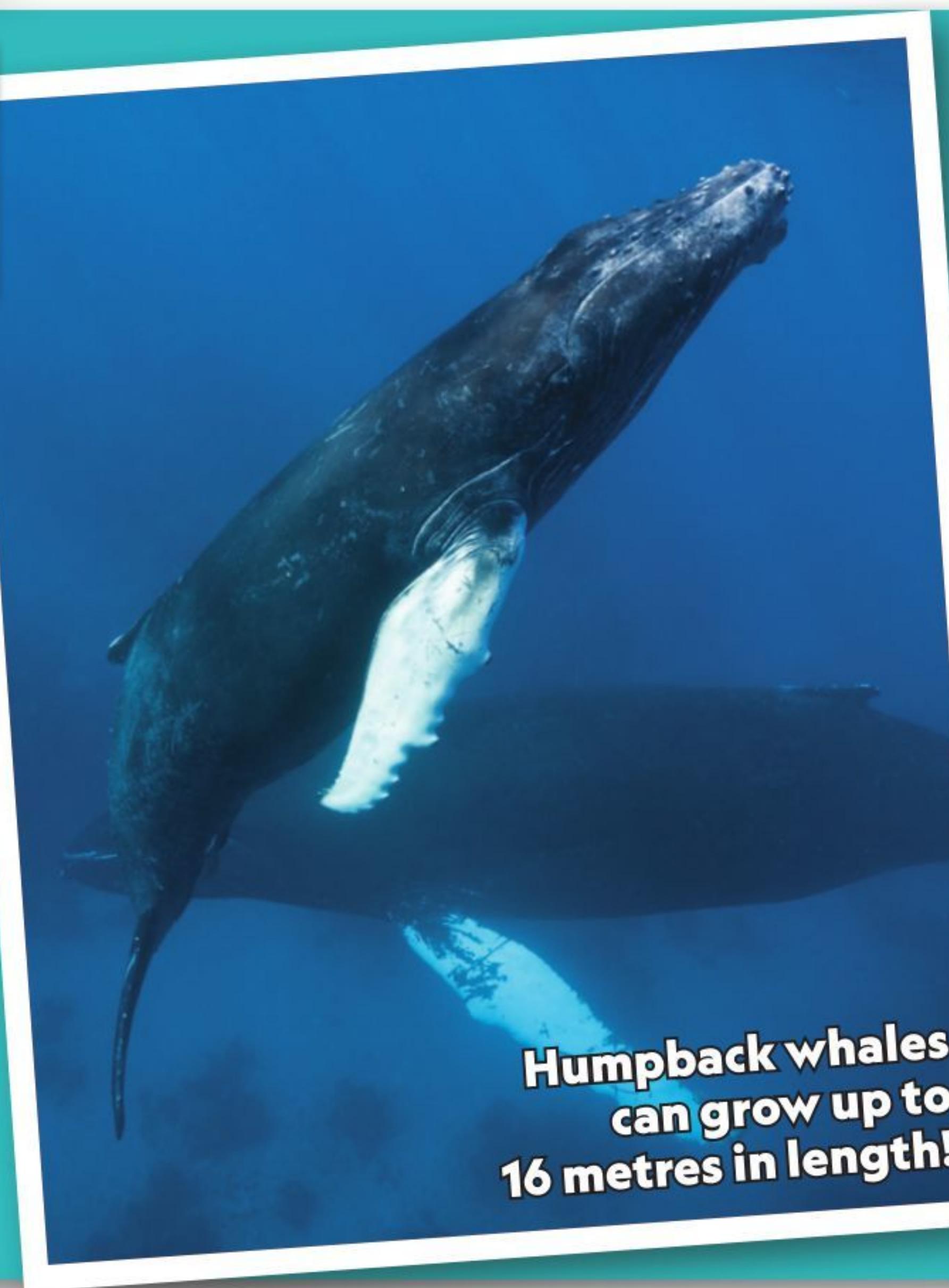
Whale rescue!



A man **risked his life** (and a £15,000 fine!) recently when he **rescued a baby whale**!

Django Hopkins spotted the **distressed humpback whale calf** while he was out in his boat off the coast of **Queensland, Australia**. Its **fin** was **trapped in shark nets** which were **cutting into its flesh**. Ouch! Django dived down nearly nine metres to **untangle it** from the dangerous **shark control equipment**, leaving the **marine mammal to swim away to safety**. Yay!

Fisheries Queensland got the *hump*, however, saying that the **Marine Animal Rescue Team** (MART) was just minutes away at the time, and that Django had risked his life and MARTs' safety by jumping in. Eventually, after a huge outcry on social media, they let him **off the hook**. Phew!



Humpback whales can grow up to 16 metres in length!



SWAN UPPING!

JULY 14-18

Usually, every July, **six rowing boats** with **19 crew** head up the **River Thames** to take part in the **royal tradition of Swan Upping** – a survey of the **Queen's swans**!

To catch a brood of swans, the boats form a circle around the birds, and close in. Then, on the cry of "All up!" the swans are lifted carefully into a boat for **measuring** and **weighing**.

The ceremony dates back to the **12th century**, when the Crown claimed **ownership** of all **mute swans**, to make sure there were enough to be eaten at **Royal banquets**. These days, however, it's important for the **conservation** of the beautiful birds. This year's event has been **postponed** due to Covid-19.

MAKE IT A DATE

What's going on this month?

JULY 14



Shark Awareness Day

Find out why sharks are super!



JULY 17

World Emoji Day



JULY 29



World Tiger Day

Have a grrrr-eat day!



JULY 30

International Day of Friendship

Show some love to your pals today!



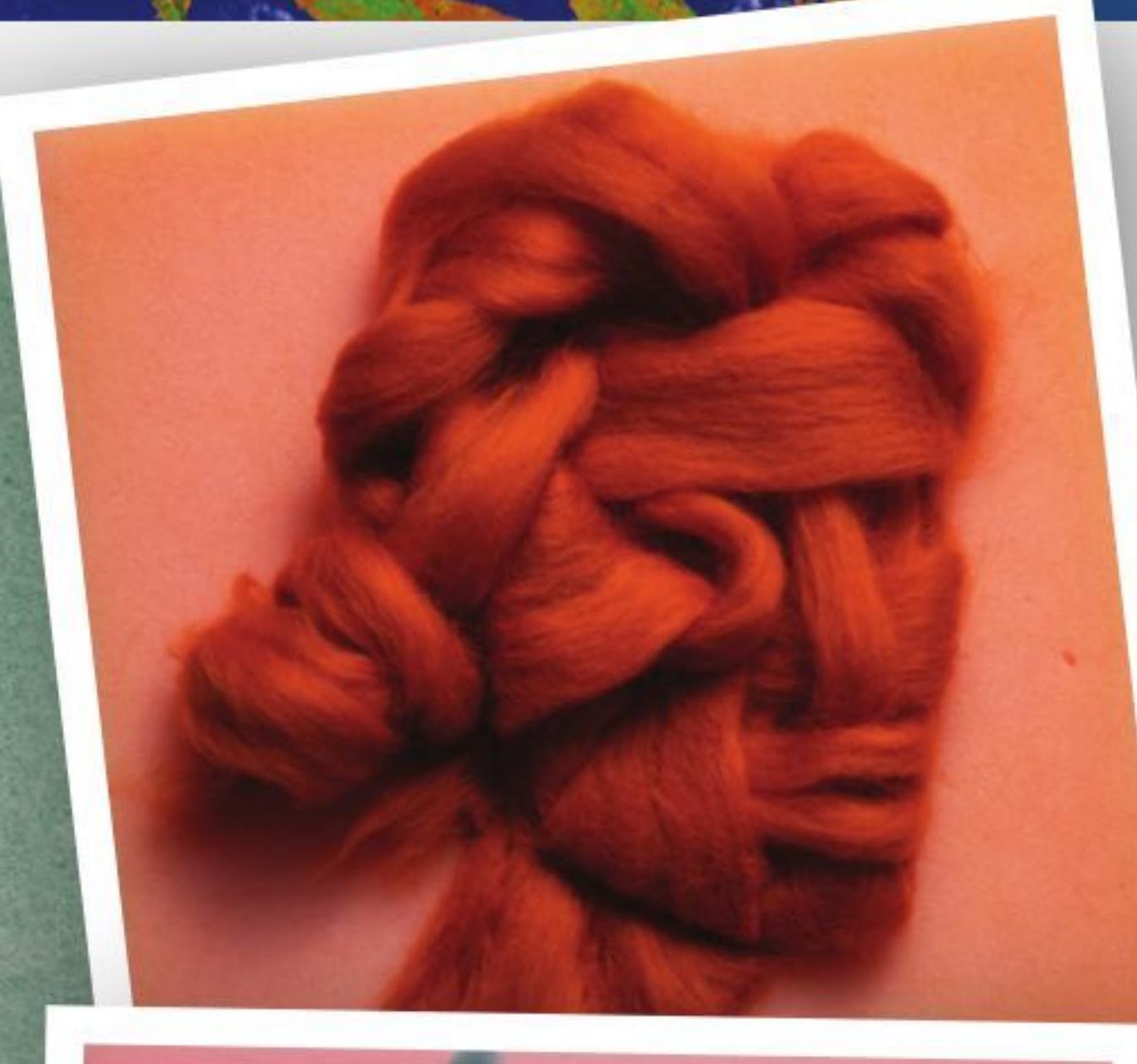
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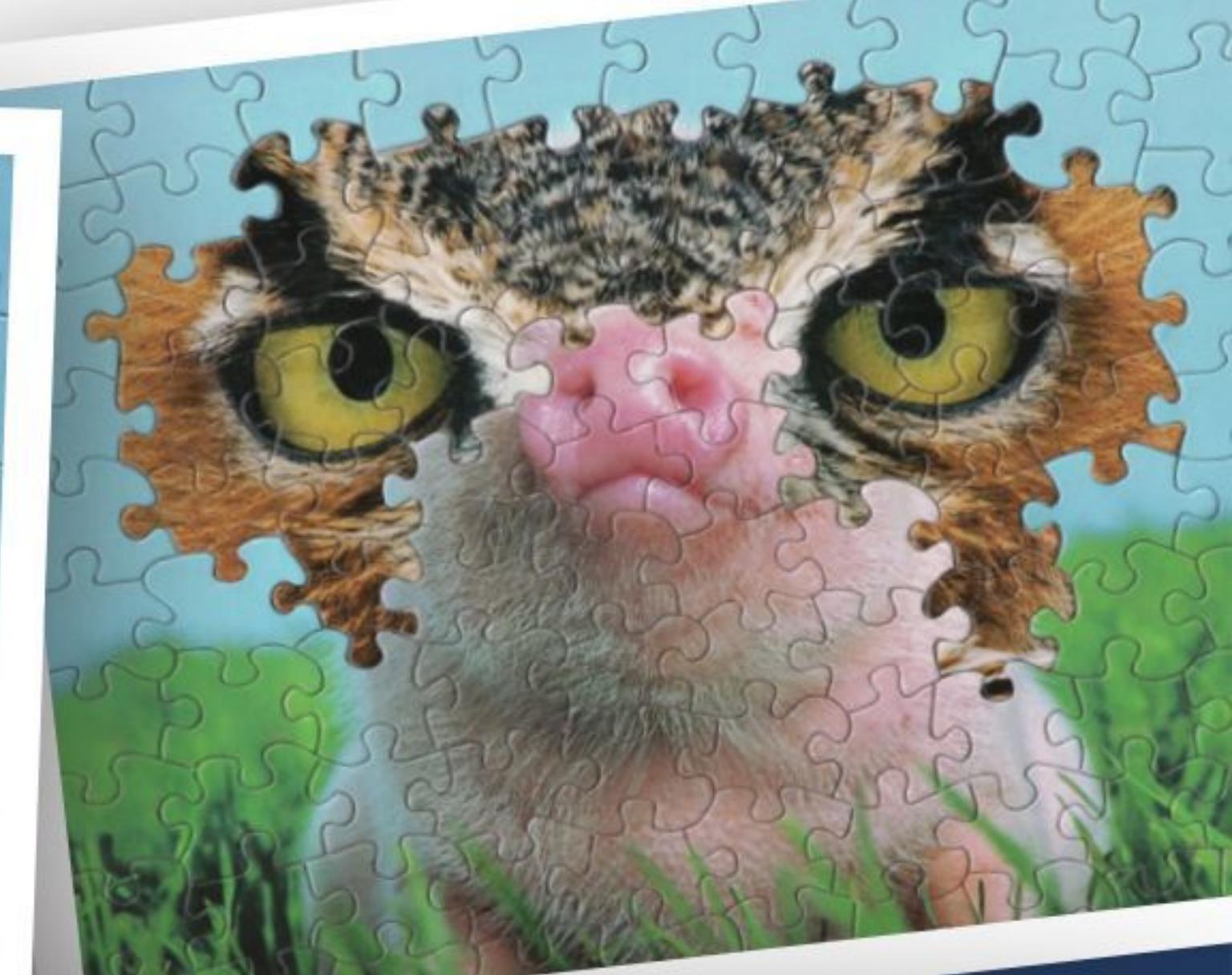
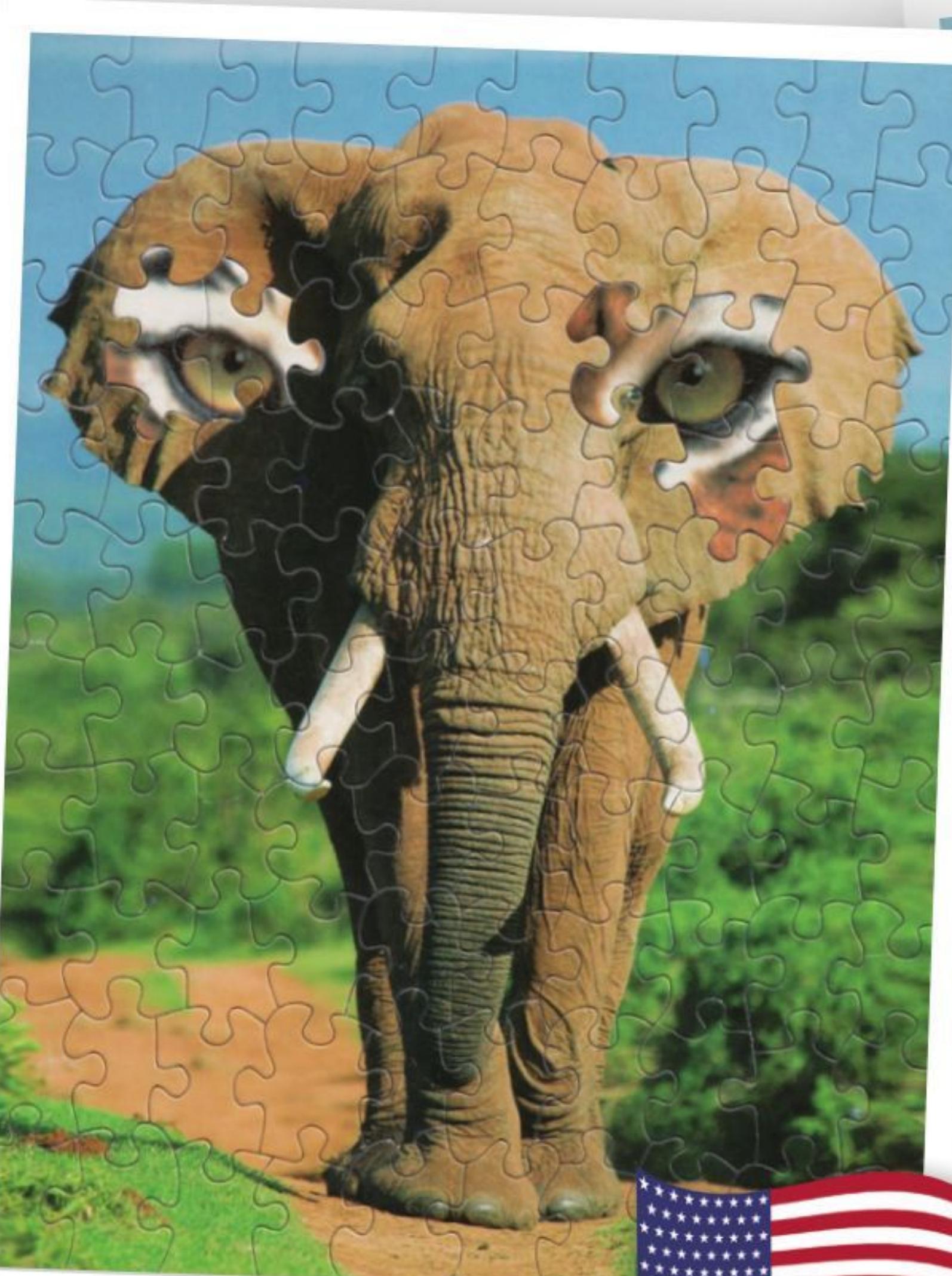


Fluffy faces

Iranian artist **Salman Khoshroo** has been making **portraits of people** out of **wool** during the **coronavirus lockdown**. "My *Wool on Foam* portraits are tied to my experience of **quarantine**," says Salman. "Weaving **inanimate fibres** into **faces** brings me **comfort**." Woolly good idea, Salman!

Peculiar puzzles!

Take a look at **Tim Klein's** bonkers **jigsaw montages**, made from old puzzles he finds in **charity shops** and **car boot sales**. "A typical jigsaw manufacturer uses the **same die-cut pattern** for many different puzzles," explains Tim. "So this makes the pieces **interchangeable**." Looks like he has *slots* of fun!



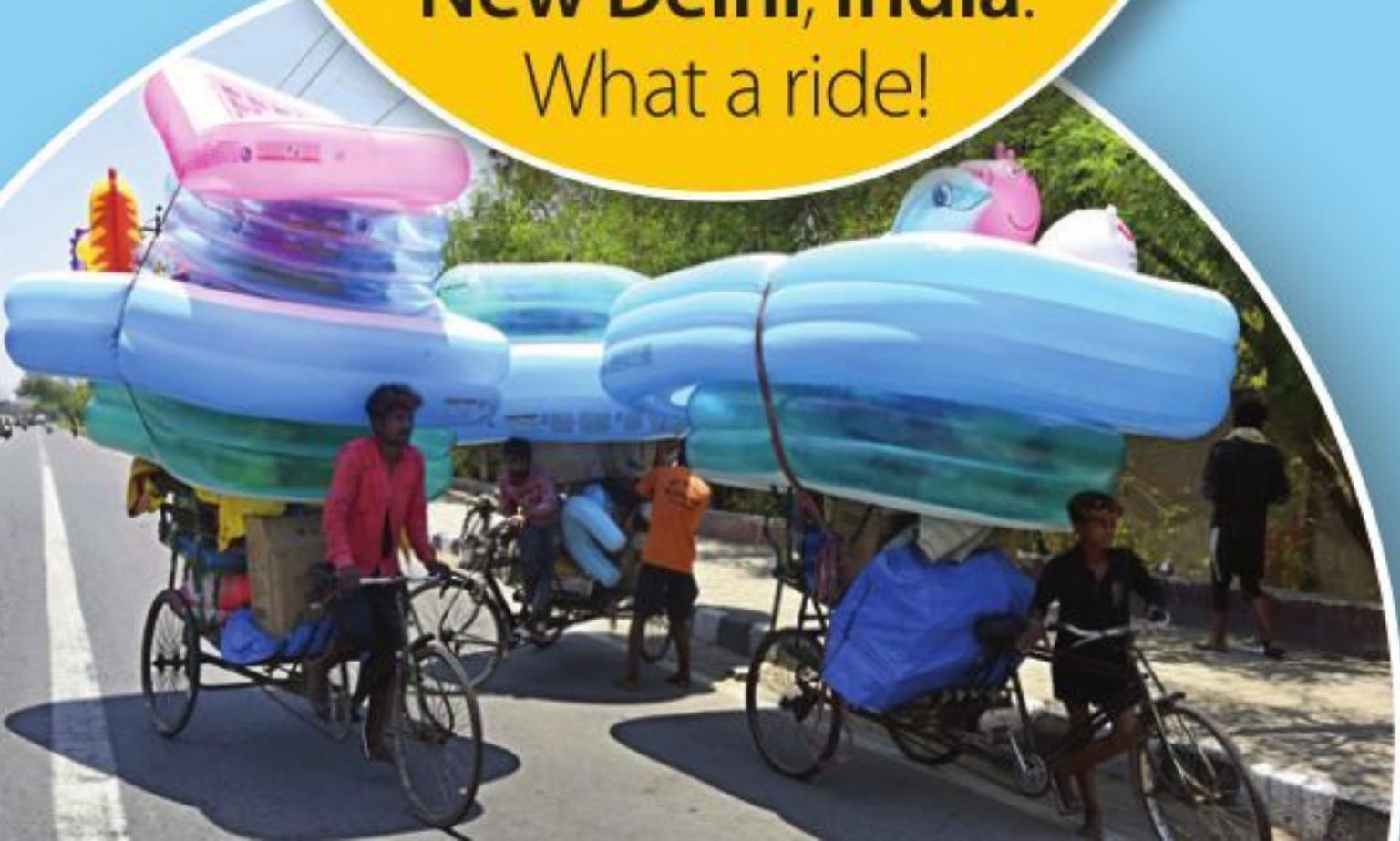
Paper places

Ayumi Shibata's **paper creations** are trim-endous! The **Japanese** artist uses a **craft knife** to delicately **cut sculptures** into the **pages of books**, taking up to a month to make each **intricate work**. Paper-fect!



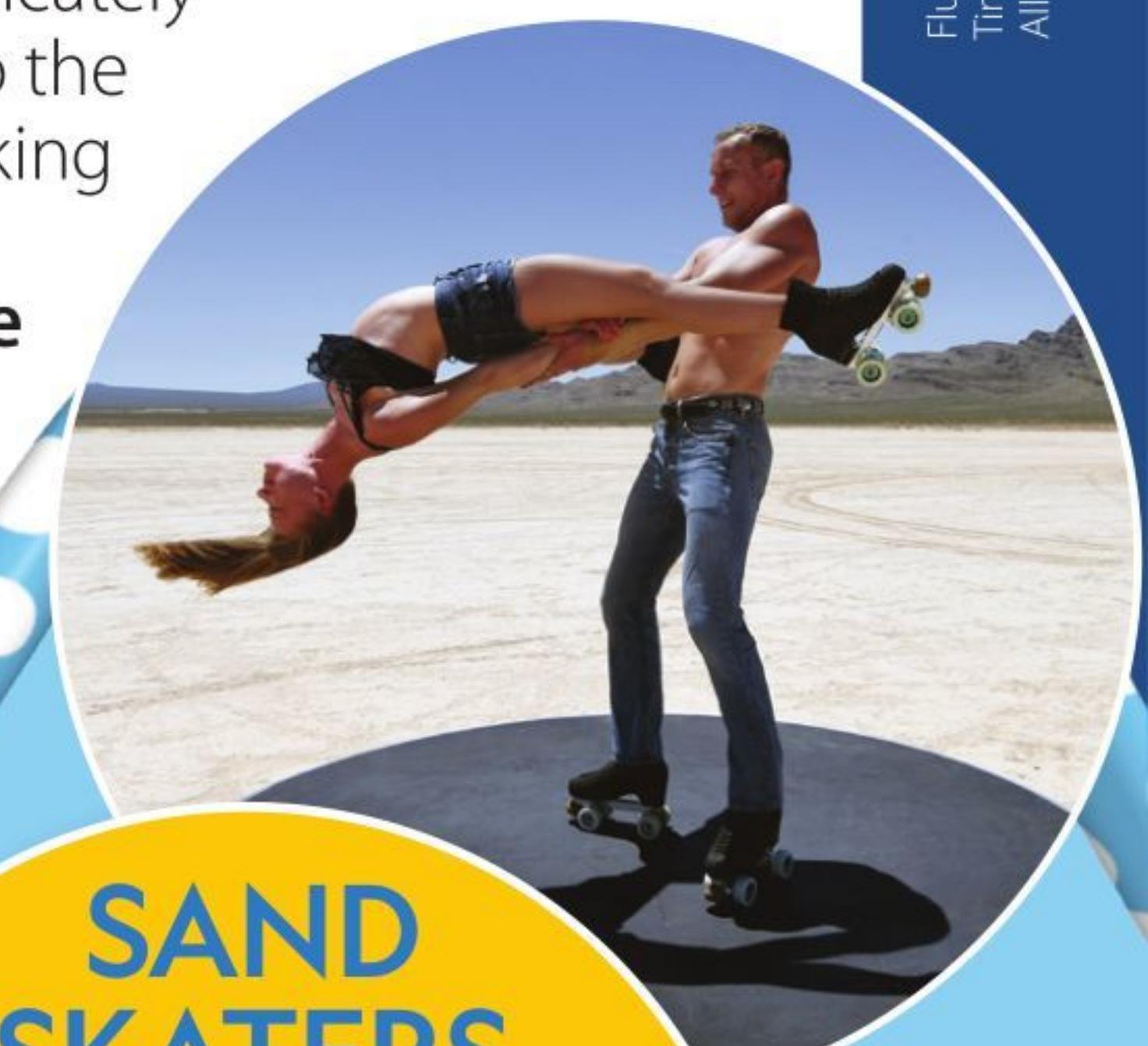
PEDAL PADDLE

These guys were recently snapped **pedalling** about with **paddling pools** on their bikes in **New Delhi, India**. What a ride!



MUSICAL MEANDER

Fancy strolling along this **pier** in **Yantai, China**? It's shaped like the **treble clef** musical symbol. Cool!



SAND SKATERS

Roller-skaters **Anastasia Bogoslova** (left) and **Pavel Bahaslou** put on a show in the **USA's Nevada Desert**, last month. Fans had to watch online because of lockdown restrictions.



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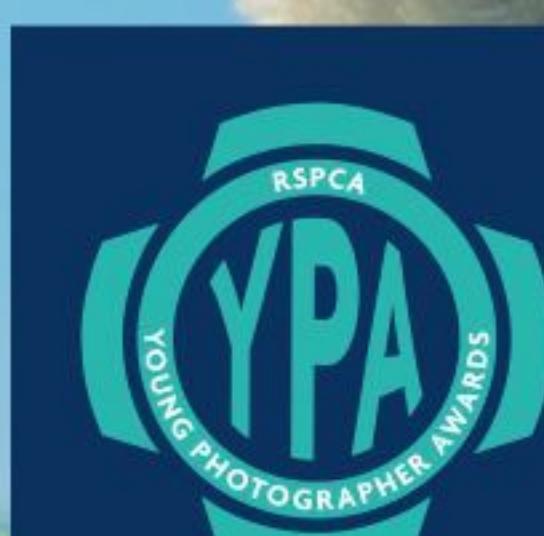


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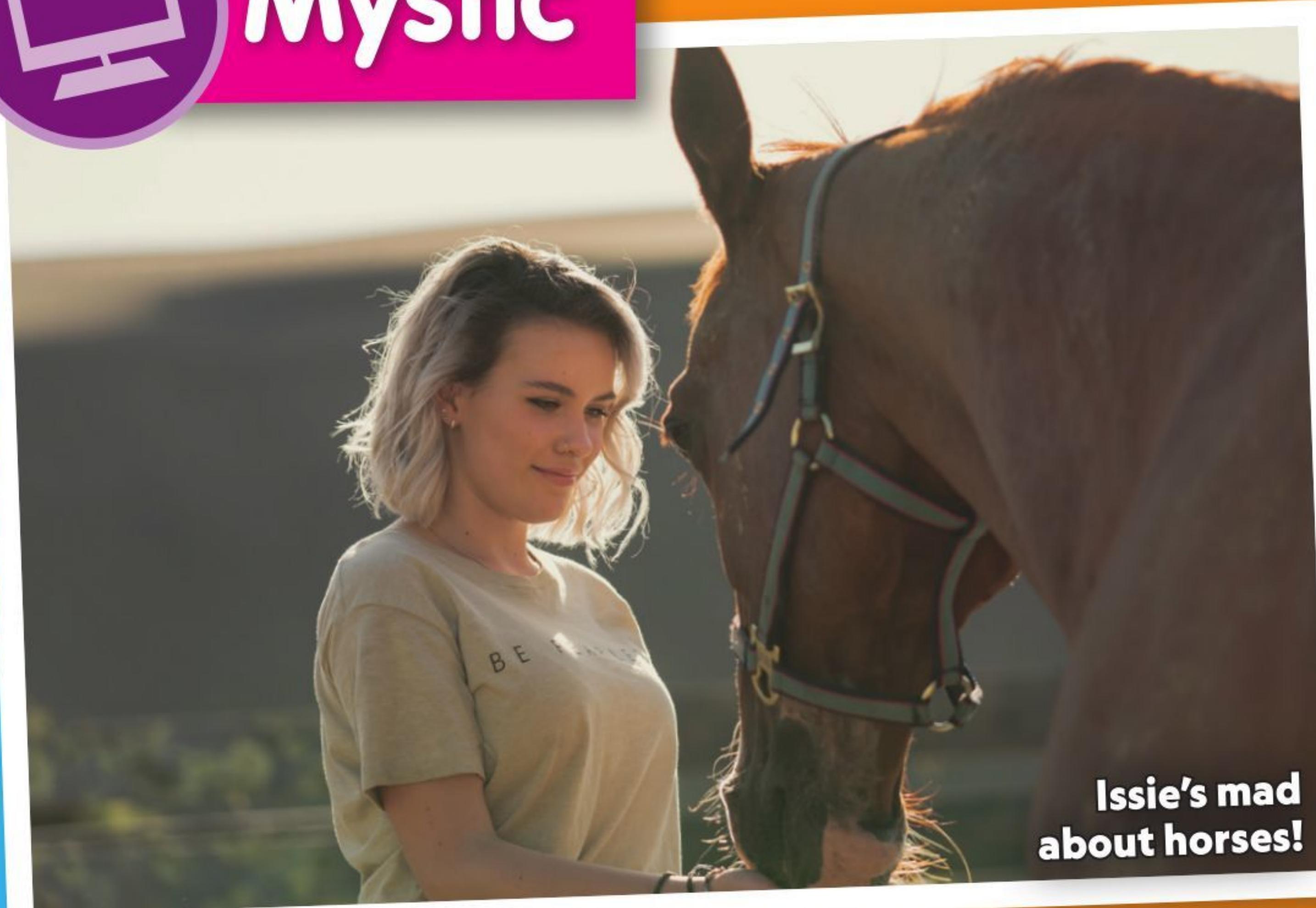
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WHAT'S UP?

Films, TV, games and books to get excited about this month...



Mystic



When Issie Brown moves to sleepy town of Kauri Point in New Zealand, she desperately misses her mates in London. But things start looking up when she meets a beautiful wild pony named Blaze and a mysterious stallion named Mystic.

Soon she becomes friends with a group of horse-mad teens, but when an industrial development threatens to destroy their community, Issie and her new friends must find a way to save Kauri Point from environmental disaster!

● Catch this new series on CBBC and iPlayer from 14 July



Minecraft Dungeons



It's the battle of the blocks!

Experience the blocky brilliance of the *Minecraft* universe in this brand-new adventure game! Instead of building and crafting, *Minecraft Dungeons* lets you battle your way through creepy locations like canyons and swamps as you take on famous *Minecraft* enemies like Creepers, Evokers and Zombies. Along the way, you'll solve puzzles, carry out challenging missions and find tons of fab treasures.

● Out now on Windows, Xbox One, PlayStation 4 and Nintendo Switch

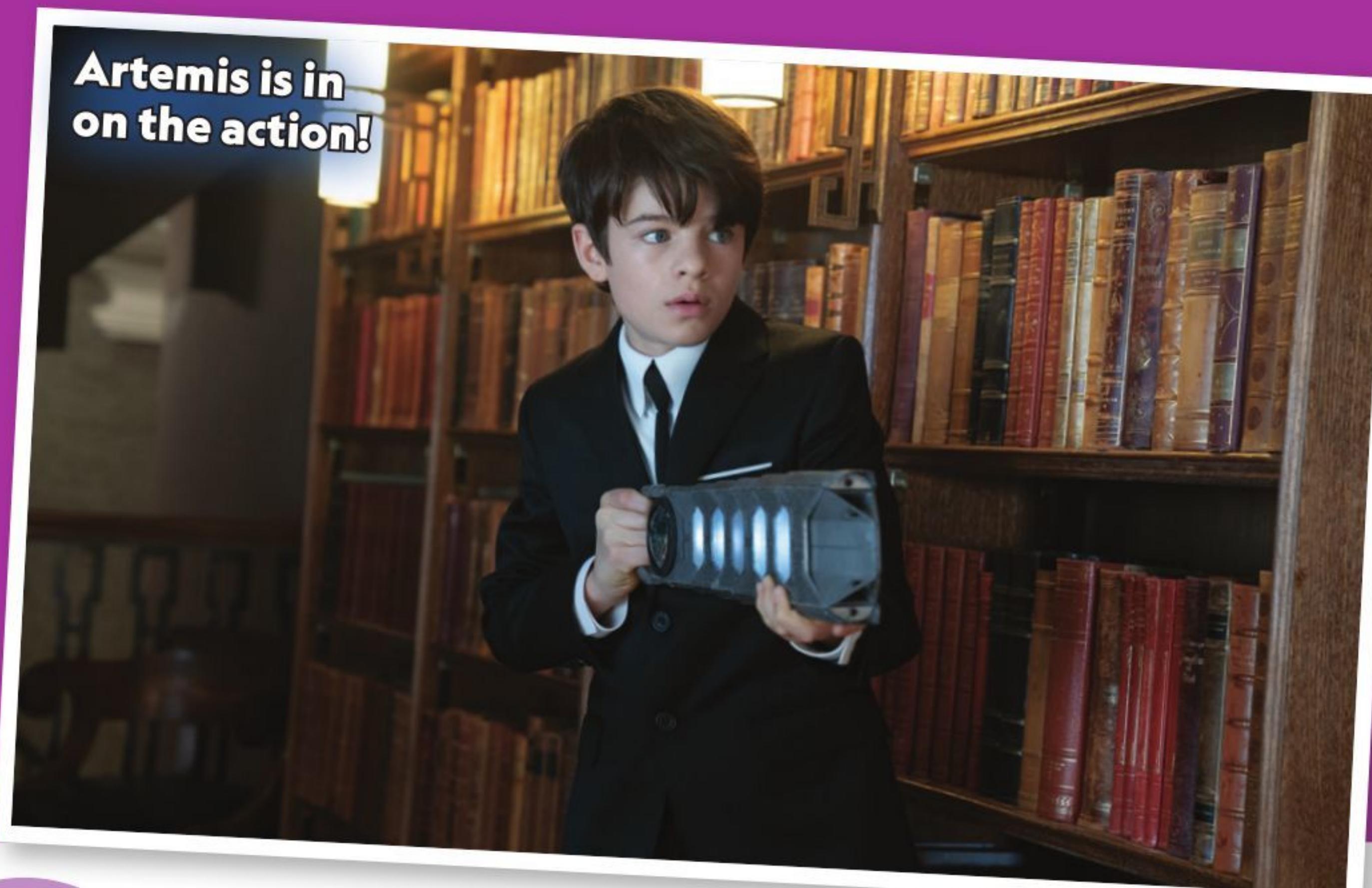


Artemis Fowl

Twelve-year-old genius **Artemis Fowl** is the descendant of a long line of **criminal masterminds** – but his **father** has **mysteriously disappeared**. So, with the help of his loyal bodyguard, **Butler**, Artemis sets out to find his dad, and in doing so uncovers an **underground civilization** – the amazingly advanced world of **fairies**.

Deducing that his father's disappearance is somehow connected to the **secretive fairy world**, cunning Artemis concocts a **dangerous plan** that puts him in a **perilous war of wits** with the all-powerful fairies...

● From Friday 12 June on Disney+



Mister Winner

Leslie Winner is a lovely bloke. He's just a bit **useless**! Whatever **accident-prone** Leslie tries his hand at, it always seems to go pear-shaped – whether it's **painting**, **piano-playing** or a **job interview**. He almost manages to mess up his own **wedding**, too. Yikes! But despite everything, lovable Les always sees the **bright side of things**. Expect **Mr Bean**-style **physical humour** in this chucklesome family comedy.

● Catch it on BBC iPlayer



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STAR CHAT

We speak to the stars of new movie *Artemis Fowl*, **Ferdia Shaw** and **Lara McDonnell**!

Hi guys! Are you similar to your characters?

Ferdia: As much as I'd like to say I'm as **clever** as **Artemis**, the truth is I'm **not**. But it's nice to **pretend**!

Lara: My character **Holly** is an **80-year-old fairy**! She's **brave** and **bold**, **speaks up** for what she believes in and acts **selflessly**. I definitely share her **sense of right and wrong** and her **sarcastic** sense of **humour**!

Do you have any cool stories from set?

Ferdia: I got on particularly well with the **stunt crew**. We had a **table tennis** tournament, played **tag** on **motorised skateboards** and learned how to **juggle**!

Lara: In between takes I'd try to work out **riddles** with **Judi Dench**, sing **musical theatre tunes** with **Josh Gad** (who voices **Olaf** in *Frozen*) and have **accent competitions** with the whole crew. We were in **fits of laughter**!

Sounds fun! *Artemis Fowl* is full of cool gadgets. If you could design your own, what would it do?

Ferdia: I'd design a **flying car** like in the movie *Back to the Future*, so I could explore all the different planets.

Lara: My gadget would let me **travel through time** and witness historic events! The movie's full of wonderful creatures like **trolls** and **elves**. If you could be any creature from mythology, what would you be?

Lara: I'd be a classical **fairy** with **magical powers** and **beautiful wings**, **elegant** but with a **fiery, feisty** side, too.

Ferdia: I'd like to be a **fairy** as well. The ability to **fly** would be very useful indeed!

LARA

FERDIA

Your book reviews

ASTRO NUTS *Jon Scieszka and Steven Weinberg*

This is a book of wonder that I would recommend to children who are interested in **space** and **climate change**. In it, the 'AstroNuts' (leader **AlphaWolf**, **LaserShark**, **SmartHawk** and **StinkBug**) spend **14 days** visiting **The Plant Planet** to discover if it is a good place for humans to live on.

I really like the **eye-catching illustrations** in this very funny book. My favourite part is when LaserShark's **spark** hit StinkBug's **methane**, which made a **BOOM!**

Samuel, 8

Bad Nana: That's Snow Business

Sophy Henn



Arabella, 8

Bad Nana is sometimes **kind** and often a little **crazy**. In this story, Bad Nana and her **granddaughter** (Jeanie) and friends enter a **talent show**. My favourite character was Jeanie because she has **challenges** to face. I am really excited to read other *Bad Nana* books and I would recommend this to anyone who enjoys reading about **naughty characters**.



The Mask of Aribella *Anna Houghton*

On the eve of her **12th birthday**, Aribella discovers that she has a **special power**. This **gripping story** follows her journey as she **learns** how to **use her powers for good**. It keeps you **guessing** and the author **describes** everything **wonderfully**. The **fight scene** at the end was my favourite part because it was so **exciting**. I didn't think there's one **boring** bit in the entire book!



Hamish, 9

FACT BOOK OF THE MONTH

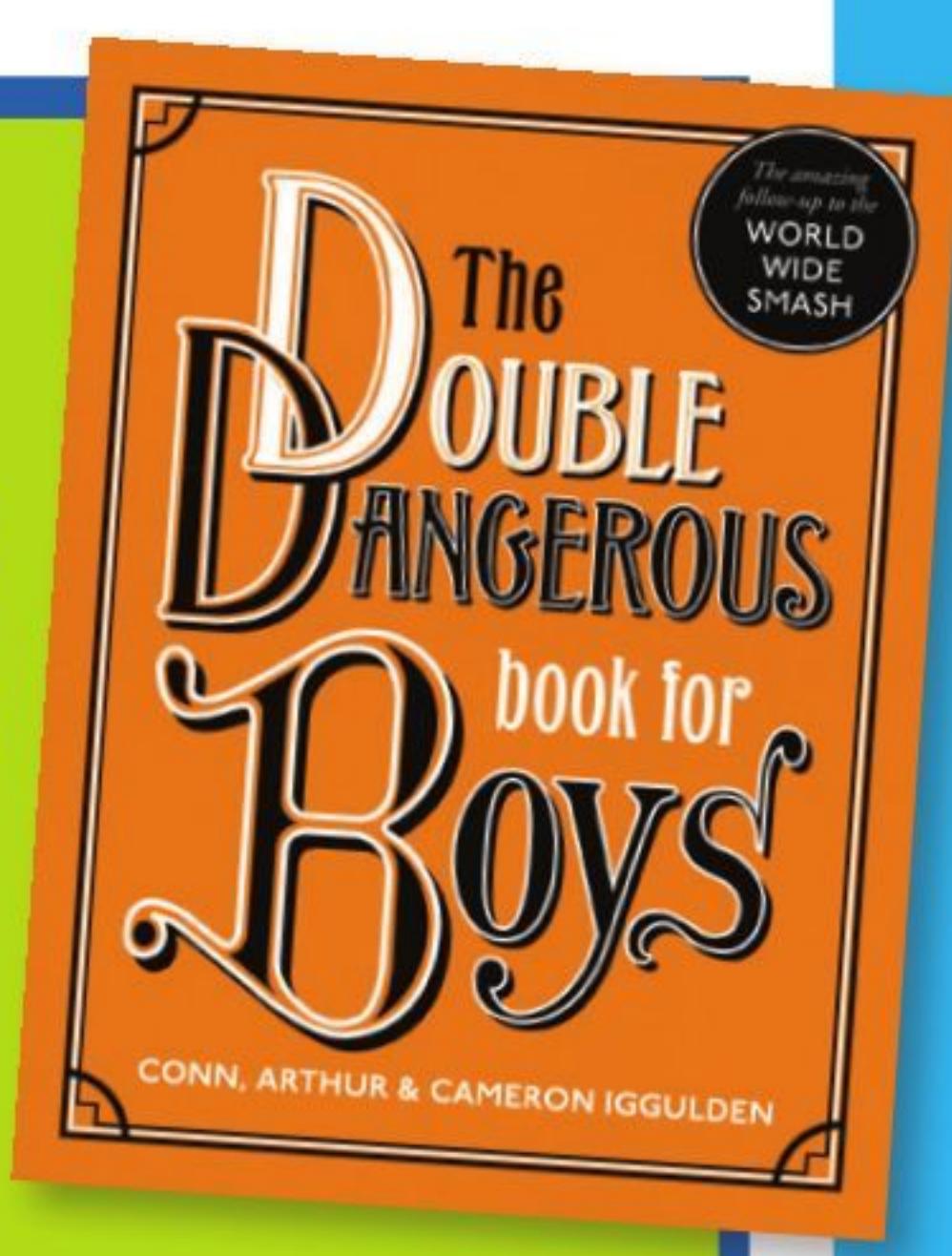
Double Dangerous Book for Boys

Conn, Arthur and Cameron Iggulden

This sort-of fact book teaches you about many different **topics**, **facts** and **laws**, and describes how to **make things**. I didn't read it from start to finish but picked the **most interesting sections**, such as how to **make a stink bomb** and **five greatest speeches**. I've learnt the **fastest way to tie shoelaces** (very handy) and how to make the **best origami airplane** in the world. There are **314** facts in total! I really enjoyed this book!



Louis, 9



WIN!

Five winners will scoop all **four** of these books!

Q Origami is associated with which country?
a) Jamaica b) Japan c) Jordan

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THE BIG PICTURE

NAT GEO KIDS'
image of the month



Danger in the mud



If it wasn't for that **bright yellow eye** peeking out of the mud, this **five-metre Nile crocodile** would be completely hidden!

"These crocs are at the top of the food chain," says **German photographer Jens Cullmann**, who took this remarkable picture while he was visiting **Mana Pools National Park in Zimbabwe, Africa**. Lurking in the mud, waiting for **unsuspecting prey**, the fearsome predators will attack almost anything unfortunate enough to cross their path, including **zebras**, small **hippos** and even **lions**!

"I witnessed a few animals get caught," says Jens. "Most of them met the same ending – becoming food!" Jens' picture of the crocodile won him first place in the 'Other Animals' category at the **2020 GDT Nature Photographer of the Year** awards. Awesome shot, Jens!

● Check out all the winning entries from the **GDT Nature Photographer of the Year** at gdtfoto.de

Meet the CONSERVATION CHAMPIONS

Seven award-winning eco-heroes
tell us how they're saving the
animals they love...

Every person on
these pages has won a
2020 Whitley Award
from the **Whitley Fund**
for Nature. The prize
money will help them
do even more
great work!

I'm special.
Rachel
says so!

Rachel Ashegbefe Ikeme is helping **CHIMPANZEES** in Nigeria

“The first time I encountered chimpanzees, they attacked me! It was my first day working in a local zoo. Two chimps had escaped and I approached, trying to show off what an expert I was – but it didn't go to plan!

These days, I study and protect a group of wild chimps in southwest Nigeria. Their habitat is shrinking, so they sometimes steal sugarcane – but they get too excited, and hoot and screech, attracting angry farmers!”



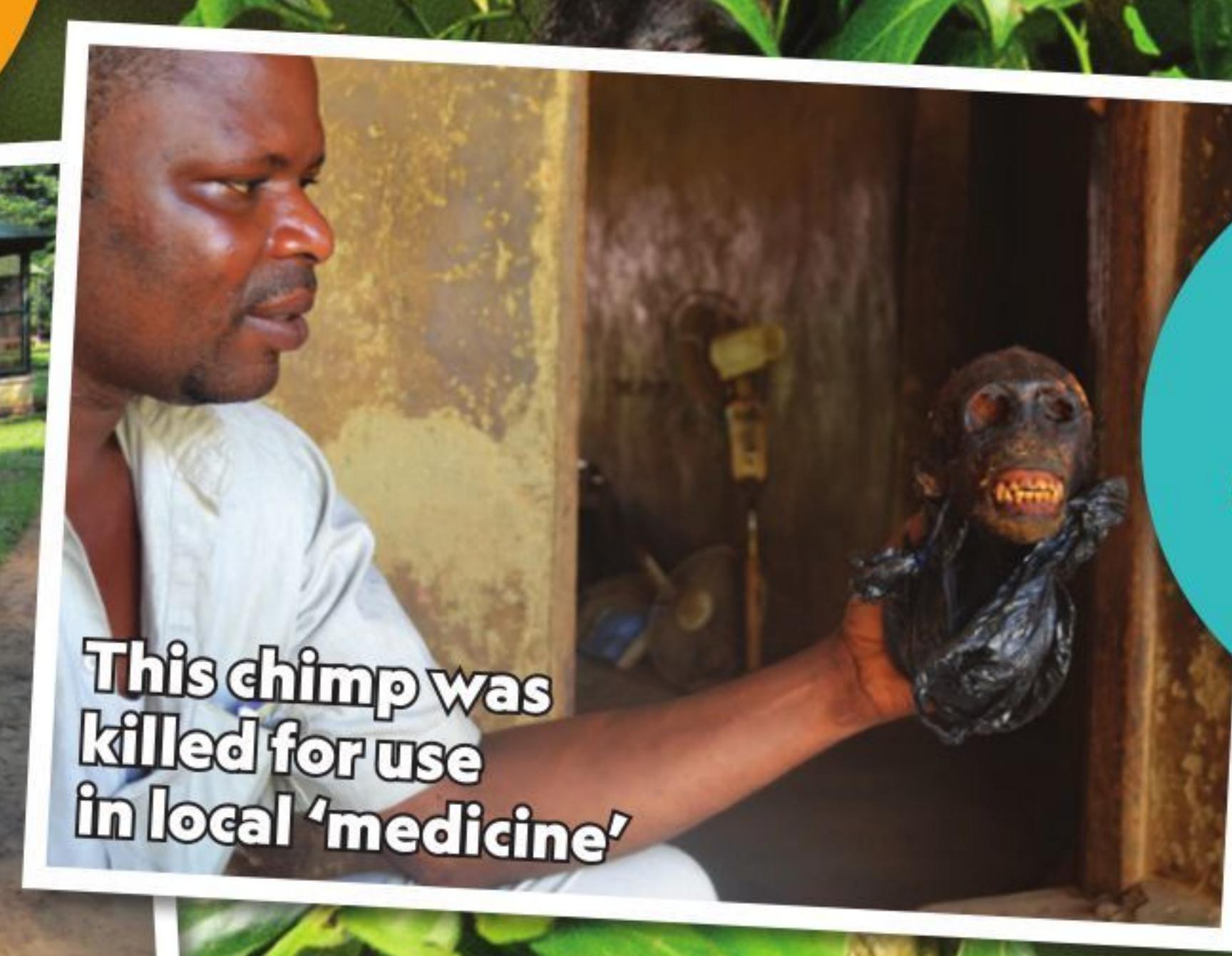
Rachel discovered that the chimps of south-western Nigeria are a totally unique group!

How she's helping

Nat Geo Explorer Rachel and her team have established **large protected conservation areas** where the chimps can have a chance to **recover**. They patrol to prevent **hunting** and **logging**, and increase **public awareness**.



Rachel on a cyber-tracking training course!



This chimp was killed for use in local 'medicine'

Many baby chimps are captured and sold as pets to rich people in cities.

Yoki Yoki (Yoki) Hadiprakarsa
is saving
HELMETED HORNBILLS
in Indonesia



“This magnificent bird is loved by everybody that sees it! It's **totally unique** – with a **body length** the same as an **adult man**, a **huge weird red and yellow head**, and a **loud manic laughing call** that can be heard up to **3km away**.

When I first heard its call, **20 years ago**, I thought it was a **primate**! But then I heard **whooshing wingbeats** and looked up as it **soared over my head**.



The most **hunted hornbills** in the world, these birds are now **Critically Endangered**.

Yoki is helping me get ahead!

How he's helping

Yoki works with **local communities** in **Indonesia** to turn **hunters** into **hornbill guardians**! He's also setting up **birdwatching ecotourism** in the area to prove to local people that the birds are worth more **alive** than dead.



The head of a hunted hornbill



Hornbills take care of the forest by distributing seeds

People hunt **helmeted hornbills** for their ornate **casques** (growths on top of the bills) which are carved into **ornaments**.

Patrícia knows everything about me and my kind!

Called 'living fossils', **tapirs** have been on Earth for **50 million years**!



A quick snap of South America's largest land mammal!

Fires destroy the tapirs' habitat

Tapirs use their **snouts** to **sniff** out fruit and leaves to eat, and as **snorkels** when they swim!



Patrícia Medici is looking after **LOWLAND TAPIRS** in **Brazil**



“Tapirs are known as 'gardeners of the forest' because they're so good at **dispersing seeds** [by **spitting** or **pooping** them out as they walk around]. If they went **extinct**, our **forests** in **Brazil** would be **VERY different**. These **donkey-sized, nocturnal, solitary** creatures are threatened by many things, from **deforestation** and **hunting** to **forest fires** and **pesticide pollution**.

My dream is a planet where we can all see tapirs in their healthy habitats.

How she's helping

Patrícia conducts **cutting-edge research** with her team to help **understand** tapirs and learn more about how to help them.

Gabriela Rezende

is saving

BLACK LION TAMARINS in BRAZIL



Brazil

“ Like me, black lion tamarins are from the state of **Sao Paulo** in **Brazil** – that makes me feel responsible for them! Working with primates is special because we **share** so many things – the way they live in **family groups**, **share the care** for their **babies**, and **communicate**. They can **teach us** many lessons. Sadly, their **Atlantic Forest** home has been **destroyed** and divided into **small patches**, **separating** the different groups. ”



How she's helping

Gabriela works with local communities to **plant corridors of trees** which connect patches of the fragmented Atlantic Forest. She also installs **artificial sleeping sites** in the new corridors which encourages tamarins to **move between** forest patches.

By saving **tamarins**, hundreds of other species such as **jaguars** and **macaws** will be helped, too. And protecting forests helps stop **climate change**!

Tree planting provides jobs for local people!

When I grow up, I want hair like yours, dad.



Black lion tamarins live in just 1% of their original range. There are only around 1,600 left.

Ali's a hero to hirola!

Hirola are also known as 'four-eyed antelopes' because they have dark glands on their face that resemble eyes.



Ali tries to spot a hirola – but there are fewer than 500 left



The hirola rescue team!

The **hirola** is probably the world's **rarest antelope**. It's among the top ten species at risk of immediate extinction.

Abdullahi Hussein Ali

is conserving

HIROLA ANTELOPES in Kenya



Kenya

“ I'm the son of a **Somali** farmer and grew up **herding livestock** alongside numerous wild animals. One of the most beautiful was the **hirola**, a **shy, vulnerable antelope** that isn't found anywhere else on Earth. When I was young I felt this innocent animal look into my eyes, as if it was saying: "I need a **hero to protect my habitat** and my family." I see the hirola as my **relative** and work day and night to make sure they're safe. ”



How he's helping

Ali works with local farmers to make sure their livestock **don't eat** all of the hirola's food. He's also working to **restore hirola habitat**, has set up **anti-poaching patrols** and is **teaching** local people all about their special antelope.

Jeanne Tarrant
is protecting
AMPHIBIANS
in South Africa



“ Growing up, I was quite **scared** of frogs – I never imagined I would one day be working with them! They’re **fascinating**, and have adapted to live in all kinds of habitats, from **deserts** to **grasslands**. Some can become completely **frozen** and survive **icy winters**! Frogs are right in the **middle of the food chain** – they’re eaten by many animals and they eat **huge numbers of pesky insects**. We’re all connected, so losing them could impact **human health**, too! ”



How she's helping

Known as ‘**Frog Lady**’, Jeanne is monitoring populations of **eight species** of threatened amphibian in **South Africa**, working with landowners to **protect habitat**. She has also set up **Leap Day for Frogs**, a national awareness day!



The Cape River frog



Local kids learn about frogs!

The tiny **Pickersgill's reed frog** (left) is an endangered species

There are over **8,000** kinds of **frogs** and **toads** in the world but **41%** are at risk of **extinction**.

Frogs are really important **indicators** of the **health** of our **ecosystems**. Nearly **half** of the world’s frogs are **threatened by extinction** – showing us that our **planet's** not very healthy.



Lingzhi Park Range, where the deer live



Just 16 staff cover the 745km² park!

“ This is the only pic of me! Sorry it's fuzzy, I'm very shy. ”

The alpine musk deer's **scent glands** are **worth more than gold** in Asia. If hunting continues, musk deer could become **locally extinct** in a few years.

These deer are food for the region's threatened big cats – the **royal Bengal tiger** and the **snow leopard**.

Phuntsho Thinley
is preserving
ALPINE MUSK DEER in Bhutan



“ Ever since I first saw this **shy deer** in a remote village in **western Bhutan**, I became fascinated! Unlike other deer, they **don't have antlers** – instead the **males** have **tusks**. Adult males also have **scent glands** to **attract females**. Sadly, they’re illegally hunted for this scent gland which is used to make **perfumes**, and is **false**ly believed to have medicinal properties. It’s so important we **save this unique deer** – my dream is to see the **species recover**. ”



How he's helping

Phuntsho and his team will train all the staff of **Lingzhi Park Range** and a quarter of its residents in **anti-poaching**. He will **teach communities** about the **importance of musk deer** within this ecosystem. Good luck, Phuntsho!

BRILLIANT BOARD GAMES!

Looking for some great games to play during lockdown? Add these top 12 to your collection...

DOBBLER 360

In this **bonkers** new **version** of the **classic** game, you still have to find the **matching** **image** on two cards. But you **can't** **see** both cards at the same time because they **rotate** **mechanically**. So how good is your **memory**? Yikes!

◆ RRP £22.99

Available from Amazon



BRAINBOX GAMES

These **fast**, **fun** **memory** **games** can be played anywhere! Study a card for **ten** **seconds** and then answer a **question** on the back to keep the card. The player with the most cards after **ten** **minutes** wins. Cool!

◆ RRP £12

Available from Amazon



CORTEX CHALLENGE

Take on your friends and give your brilliant **brain** some **exercise**!

Compete with other players in **different** **puzzles** that'll test your **touch**, **observation**, **number**, **memory** and **speed** skills!

◆ RRP £12.99

Available from Amazon



TIMELINE CLASSIC

What came first, the invention of the **electric iron** or the **first human in outer space**? **Memorise** all the **historical** **events** and then **place** your **cards** in **chronological** **order** – the first player to get them **all** **correct** wins!

◆ RRP £10

Available from Amazon

BANANAGRAMS

This **award-winning** **word** **game** will drive you... bananas! Players race against each other to **build** **crossword-style** **grids** and use up all their letter tiles. But there's **no** **turn-taking** here – it's a **madcap** **race** to the finish!

◆ RRP £15.99 Available from Waterstones

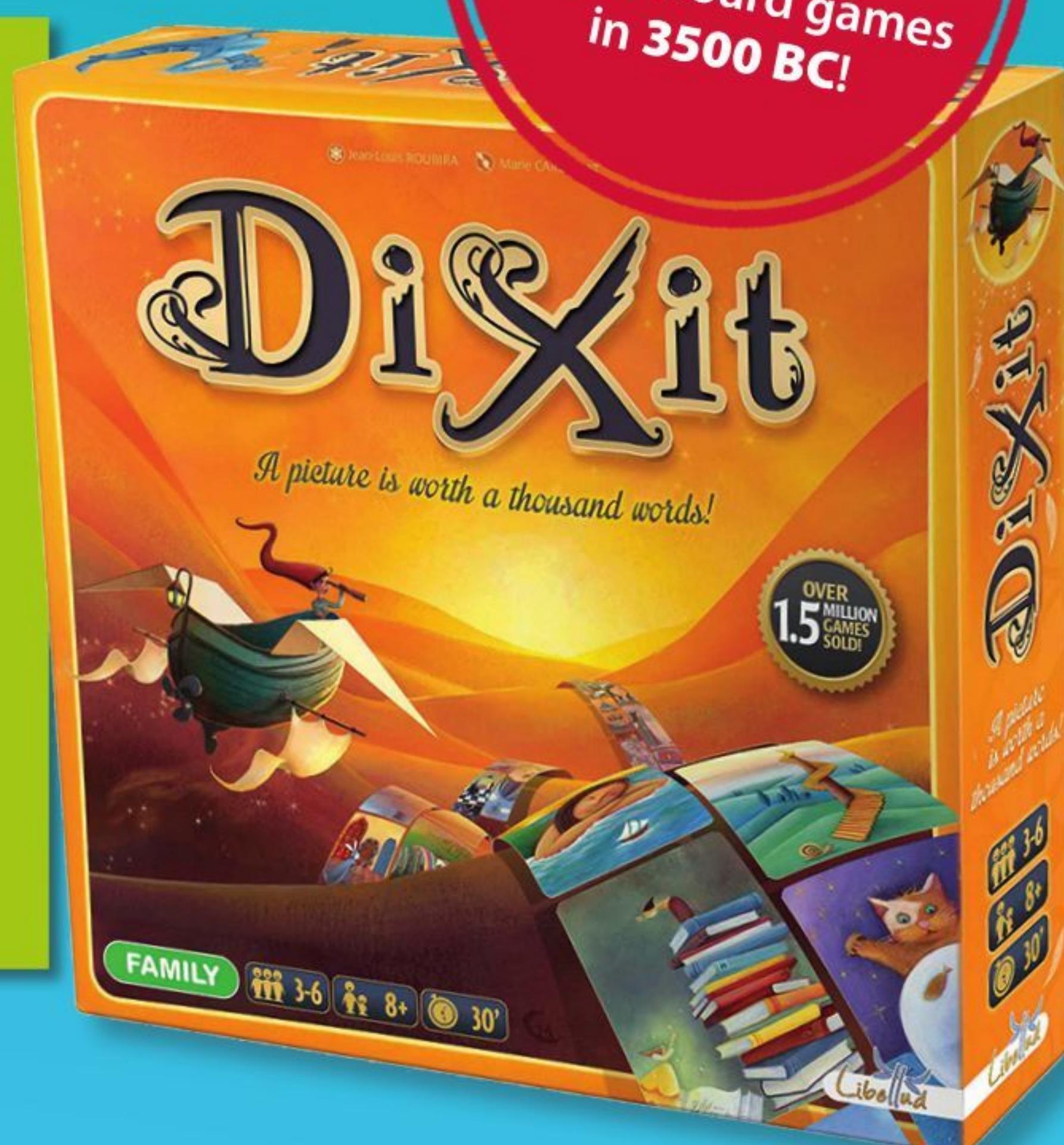


DIXIT

Love **stories**? Then dive into this great game of **storytelling** and **guesswork**, where your **imagination** unlocks the tale. Every **picture** tells a **story**, but what will your story tell?!

◆ RRP £29.99

Available from Waterstones



DID YOU KNOW?
The Ancient Egyptians played board games in 3500 BC!



WHO DID IT?

Uh oh! Whose **pet** **pooed** in the living room?! Use your **memory** and **quick reflexes** to prove your pet's **innocence** in this **hilarious family card game**. Can you avoid being the **guilty owner** and **pass the blame** onto someone else's animal?!

◆ RRP £10.99
Available from Amazon

DID YOU KNOW?
Nearly £7 billion was spent on **board games** around the world in 2019. Whoa!

PICTURE SHOW

Use the **magnetic icons** and **projector** to create cool **shadow puppets** – whose team will **guess the most words** and **expressions correctly**, and win this game of **shadow charades**?!

◆ RRP £26.99
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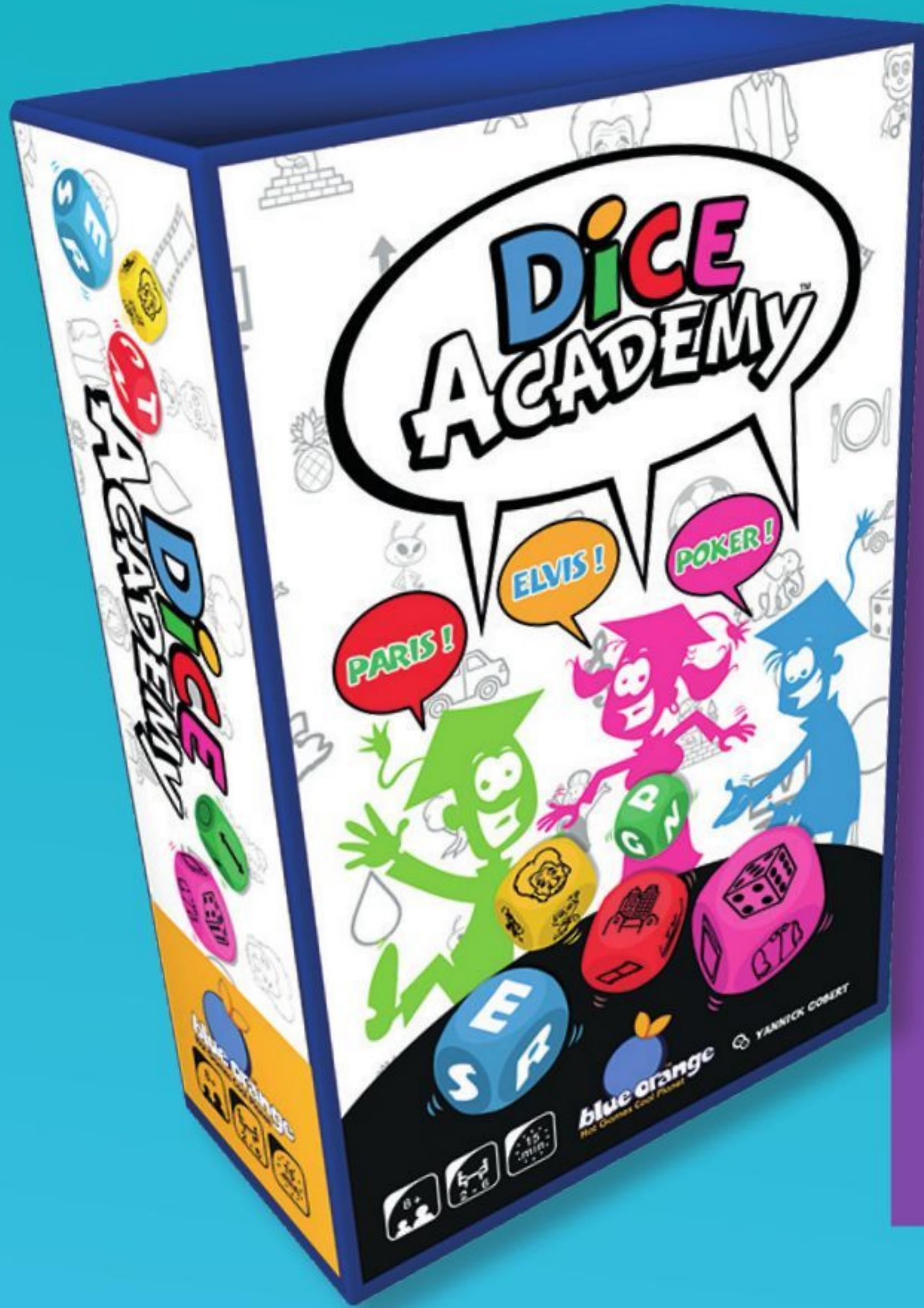


DICE ACADEMY

Battle your family with this **lightning-fast brain-teaser**!

Roll the dice to determine a **category** – from **singers** to items of **clothing** – and a **letter**. The first player to name a **correct answer** starting with the **right letter** wins!

◆ RRP £10.99
Available from Amazon



COBRA PAW

You'll need **Ninja-like reflexes**, **sharp recognition skills**, **mental strength** and **cool concentration** to steal the game in this awesome **tile-snatching challenge**!

◆ RRP £14.99

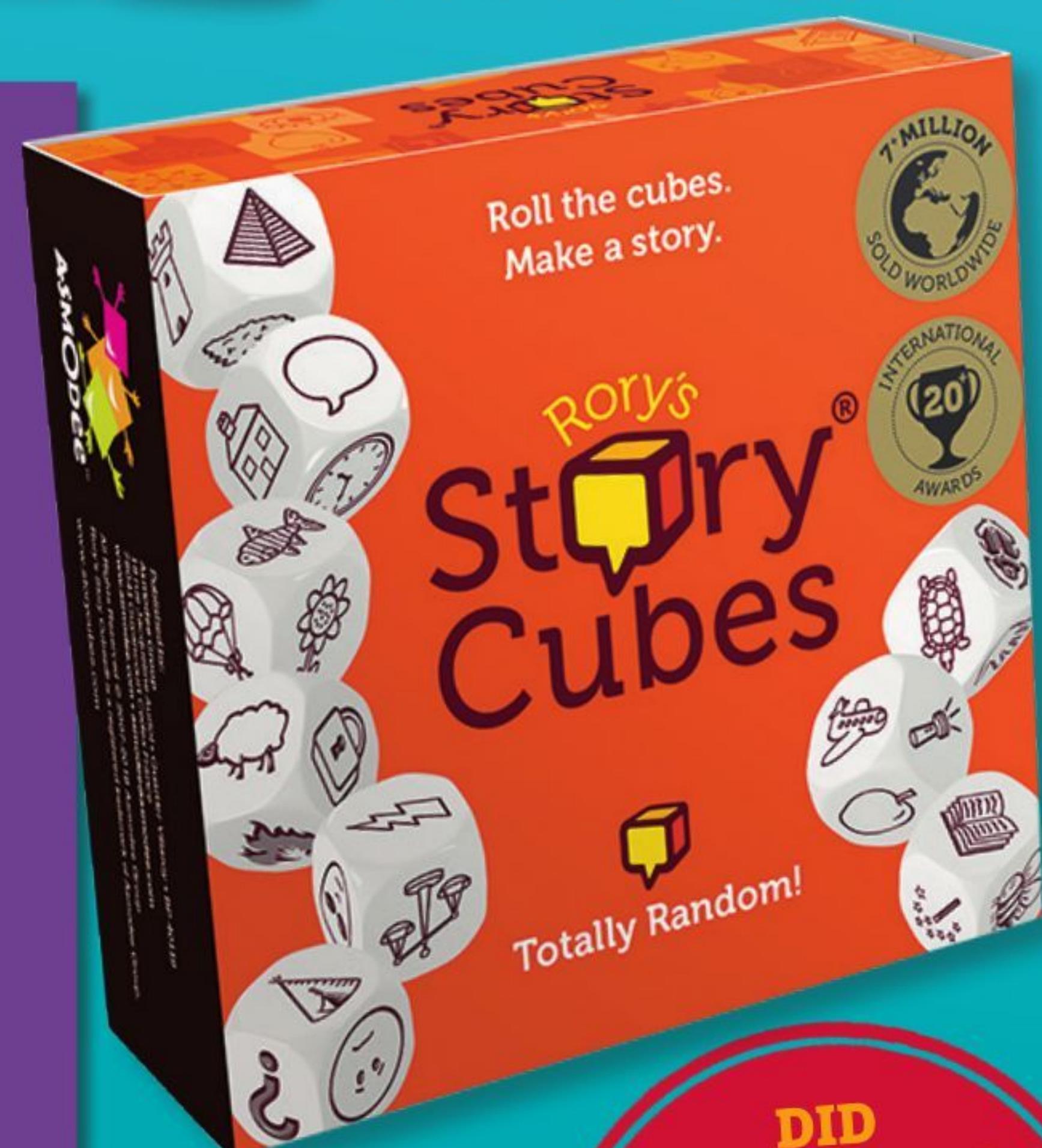
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RORY'S STORY CUBES

Any time is game time with **Story Cubes**! Simply roll the **nine dice** and begin your **story**, using the **embossed images** to spark your **imagination**. With **no time or story length limits** and **no wrong answers**, anyone can be a great storyteller.

◆ RRP £9.99
Available from John Lewis



DID YOU KNOW?
The first dice were originally painted stones or carved knuckle bones!

TICKET TO RIDE

Get ready to **travel back to 1970s' London**! Race against other players to claim the most important **bus lines** and **connect districts** in the UK's **capital**. Who will be the first to complete all their **'Destination Tickets'**? Ding Ding!

◆ RRP £19.99
Available from Waterstones



ALL THESE GAMES!

We're giving away **all 12** of these great **games** to one lucky reader! To be in with a chance of winning, just answer this **sss-imple question...**

Q Which of these snakes lives wild in the UK?
a) Cobra **b)** Grass snake **c)** Python

Closing date
31 July

Enter at natgeokids.com

Are YOU a winner?

We put 2,500 free packs of BrainBox cards inside subscriber copies of National Geographic Kids magazine this month! Did YOU get a set?

BrainBox is the fast fun memory game that can be played *anywhere!* Simply study a card for ten seconds and then answer a question on the back to keep the card!

The player with the most cards after ten minutes wins!



Congratulations to all the lucky winners! You're going to have loads of fun playing with your BrainBox cards!

There are over 40 BrainBox games covering everything from transport, Roald Dahl and science to favourite football teams and animals – and so much more!

Each free pack contains five random BrainBox cards!



THE LIFE OF HENRY III IN UNDER A MINUTE



This month,
NG KiDS'
time-travelling
mouse, Max,
visits King
Henry III...

Born 1 October 1207, Henry became king aged only nine! His father, King John, had been unpopular, having lost the crown jewels, amongst other things. So people looked to Henry and his regents* to bring peace and happiness.

Welcome, readers,
to the life of Henry III
in under a minute!

Let's not
waste any
more time!

Free sweets for
everyone!

Yippee!

Hooray!

*A regent is
someone who
governs while
the monarch is
absent, ill or too
young.

Popular knight, William Marshall 1st Earl of Pembroke, was put in charge while Henry was so young. He kicked out French invaders and brought stability to the country.



William died in 1219 and Hubert De Burgh took over as regent. Henry finally took control of power aged 20 in 1227. Unfortunately, he wasn't particularly interested in politics...



In 1236 he married the beautiful Eleanor of Provence, France. Renowned for her intelligence, poetry and fashion sense, Londoners unfortunately didn't like her and pelted her with rotten fruit when she sailed down the Thames.



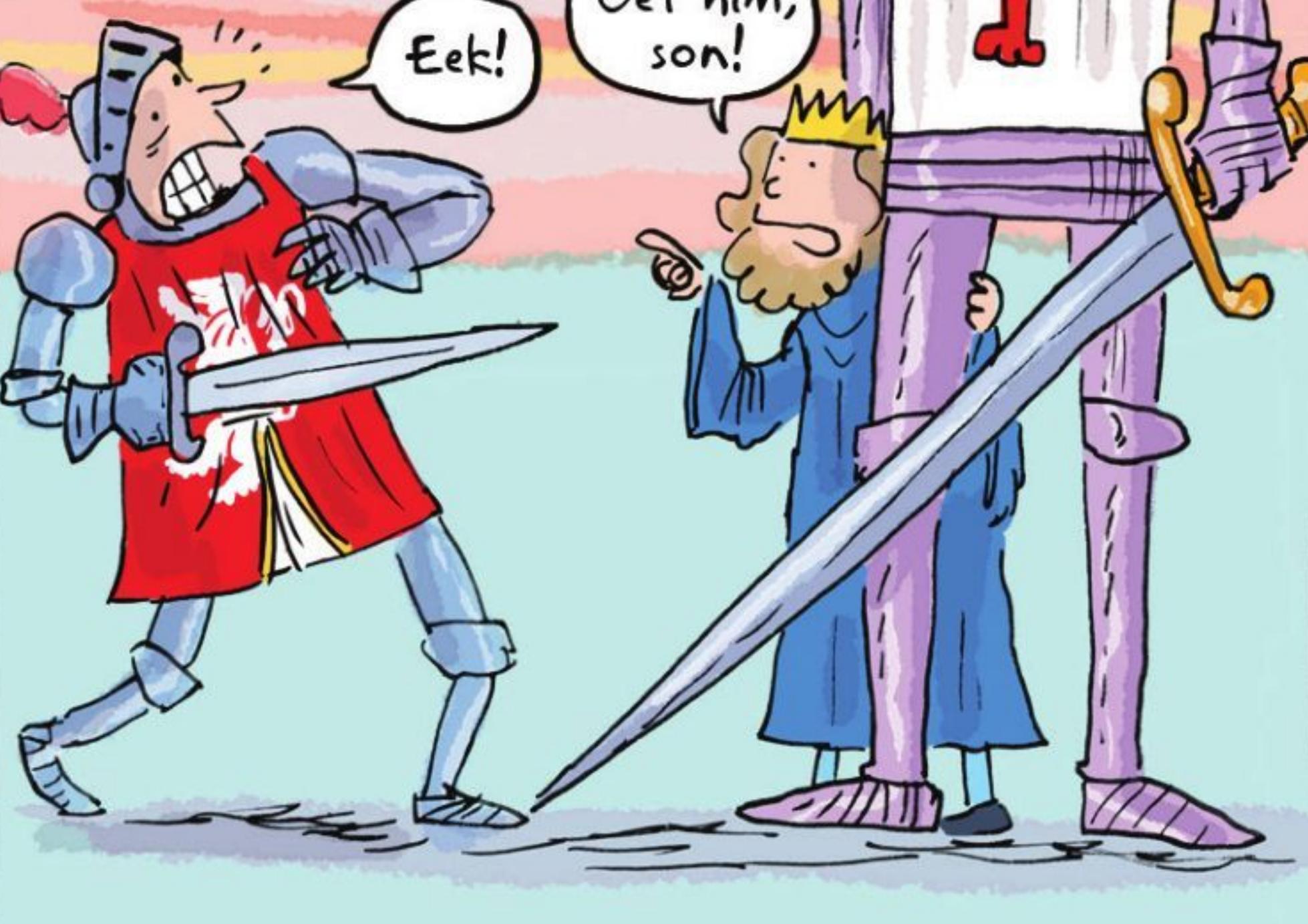
Henry collected exotic animals and kept them in a menagerie in the Tower of London. He had lions and even a polar bear which was a present from the king of Norway.



Despite meeting with the king in 'parliament' (from the French word 'parler', meaning 'to talk'), the nobles and barons of the land grew resentful of Henry's reckless use of power and his ignoring of the Magna Carta, which stated that they share power. And in 1264 war broke out.



Heading the rebellion was Henry's brother-in-law, Simon de Montfort. Despite early victories and even capturing King Henry, Simon was eventually defeated by Henry's extremely tall and powerful son, Edward, at Evesham.



Henry's long reign oversaw the rebuilding of Westminster Abbey and many other cathedrals around the country. The Abbey, originally constructed by Edward the Confessor in the 1040s, went on to be the natural home of Coronations and Royal Weddings.



Henry died 16 November 1272 after a 56-year reign. He was buried in his beloved Westminster Abbey.



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THE BIG INTERVIEW

National Geographic Explorer, Dr Lucy Hawkes, tells us about her amazing work tracking wild animals...



Name: Lucy Hawkes
Job: National Geographic Explorer and ecologist at Exeter University
Known for: Being an expert in wildlife tracking and animal migration

If you're a budding explorer be brave - get out there and try stuff because life is nothing without adventure!

By using tracking devices scientists can measure how far, how fast and how amazing animals are!

HOW TO EXPLORE DURING LOCKDOWN!

Here's Lucy's advice...

No matter where you live, **get to know** your **plant** and **animal neighbours!** **Challenge** yourself to **identify** everything that's around you! Start off by making a **list of ten plants** and **ten animals**, then see if you can turn it into 20, and so on. Ask your parents to download the **iNaturalist** app. You can **upload photos** and it'll auto-suggest what it thinks you're looking at. Cool!



Can you identify this flower? (answer below)

Answer: It's a herb-robert, also called the storksbill or death come quickly!



Arctic terns are awesome athletes!

Hi Lucy! As a National Geographic Explorer, you 'geo-tag' animals to find out what they get up to. What's one of the most special animals you've studied?

There's an incredible little bird called the **Arctic tern** that has the **longest migration** of any animal. It lives in the **Arctic**, but during winter it goes all the way to the other side of the Earth – to **Antarctica**, then back again. So in one year it flies **80,000km**. Over its **30-year lifespan** that's probably the equivalent of **six return trips to the Moon!**

Wow! How do you go about studying these birds?

First we go to their **breeding grounds** in **Iceland**, where **huge colonies** make **nests** on the **ground**. They make pretty **rubbish nests**, just a **little depression** in the ground with a half-hearted attempt to add **sticks**! We survey all the nests, and **record the eggs' mass and weight**.

How do you get near the eggs?

With **difficulty**! These birds are the most amazingly **protective parents**, so they **take it in turns to attack you**. If their **swooping** and **screaming** doesn't send you running, they'll **empty their bowels** at you in a **poo attack**! And if that **still** doesn't work then they start to **strike**!

Ouch. Does that hurt?

A lot! We all come out with **sores** on our heads from working with Arctic terns. To protect our heads from their beaks we **put plates inside our hats**!

Ha! After you've eventually fitted geo tags to some of

A tern is fitted with a geo tag!



Alaska's bar-tailed godwits are record-breakers!

New Zealand-born mountaineer George Lowe reported seeing bar-headed geese flying over the summit of Mount Everest!

Bar-headed geese have been nicknamed the 'astronauts of the bird world'!

the terns, what does the equipment tell you?

The **geo tags** (below, left) record **where the birds are every hour** and **how high they're flying** above the **surface of the sea**. When we **catch the terns** a year later in the same colony we **remove the tags** and **download the data**. It's incredible to hold

one of these tiny birds in your hand and think about the journey it's made.

Do the birds mind wearing the tags?

It's a bit like asking them to **wear a small backpack** and so it probably is a **little bit annoying** for them, yes! We stick to a rule that the tag should **weigh no more than 3% of the animal's body mass**, but we would **always like them to be smaller**. We'd prefer **not to tag** animals at all.

What other migrating birds have you studied and learned about?

There's a bird called the **great snipe** that can fly at **80kmph** for up to **96 hours**! And the **bar-tailed godwit** (top pic) makes what we think is the **world's longest non-stop migration**, travelling **11,000km** between the north-western **US state of Alaska to New Zealand** in just **seven days** – that's like doing **275 marathons in a week**! We **don't** think they **stop to eat, drink or sleep** during their journey!



Arctic tern eggs! There are usually two per bird, and parents take turns incubating them



The great snipe is the fastest migratory bird on the planet!

was like seeing an **old friend**.

How bizarre! Did you have other animal encounters in Mongolia?

Yes! With the **critically endangered Saiga antelope**, which is **super speedy** – as well as being one of the **weirdest animals** you'll ever see (right). It's said they can go **up to 80kmph**, but I was once in a **car** in Mongolia, **driving faster than that speed**, and a saiga **overtook** us. It was just a brown blur! That was special.



Saigas are surprisingly fast!

Turn the page to read the mystery of Lucy's missing tag!

Ready, set...tag! Lucy and her team attach a tag to a bluefin tuna!

As well as tagging birds, you also track Atlantic bluefin tuna fish. What are you trying to find out?

These gigantic fish grow up to **three metres long** and are **endangered** because – unfortunately for them – they're **delicious**! They're caught and sold to make **sushi**. They used to be **common** around the coast of the **UK** but **disappeared** in the **1950s** – and now **they're back again**! So we're tracking them to **find out where they go**.

How do you tag a tuna?!

It's a bit like a **Formula 1 pitstop**! We **pull the tuna on deck**, **measure it** as quick as we can, **stick a tag on the outside** and push it back into the sea, all in about **two minutes**. And then off it swims!

What do these tags record?

Light, temperature and depth, and they send the data back to us via **satellite** every **hour**. By recording light we can tell

when the **sun rises and sets** and **how long the days is**. And this helps us work out their **location**.

And does temperature help with location, too?

Yes – it's **warmer** in the **Mediterranean** than in the middle of the **Atlantic**, for example, so that helps us work out where they are. And by recording **depth** we can see if the fish are swimming up and down the water column, which is what they do when they're **breeding**.

Has a tag ever gone missing?

There was a two-metre tuna we tagged off the **south-west coast of Britain** that behaved very strangely! It swam into the **Mediterranean**, where we think it **spawned**. But then, when it left the Med again, the tag went dark and recorded no light for **two weeks**. It also became quite **warm, 37°C** – and there's **nowhere** in the tuna's range that's

that warm. We could also see from the

"A tuna I tagged was swallowed by a killer whale!"

hunted down and **eaten** by a **killer whale [orca]**, which we then **accidentally tracked** for two weeks before the **tag was pooped out**!

But did you find out for sure where it went?

Well, last year, a lady called **Brigitte** was **walking her dog** on a beach in **north-west France**, when she **found a weird object**.

She picked it up and had a look at it and it had my **email address** on the side! Little did Brigitte know that what she was holding was the **missing tracking tag** that I had attached to that bluefin tuna **13 months earlier**! Brigitte got in touch and **posted the tag to us**. Sure enough, we could see **scarring** on the tag's outside caused by the killer whale's **digestive juices**!

Amazing! Where is the tag now?

It's in my **living room**. I'm considering framing it! It's one of the **most precious objects I own**. It means more to me than any jewellery – which probably tells you more about me than anything else!

Haha! Has lockdown been good for wildlife?

Nature has experienced an unprecedented time of **peace**. The **oceans** are usually full of **container**

Lucy on the lookout!

Bluefin tuna still need our help

inside something else!

And there is only one group of creatures that are consistently 37°C – **mammals**! So we think our amazing **bluefin tuna** got



Back in the 1970s, tuna tracking tags were the size of shoeboxes. Now, they're just 15cm in length (above) and can record much more information!

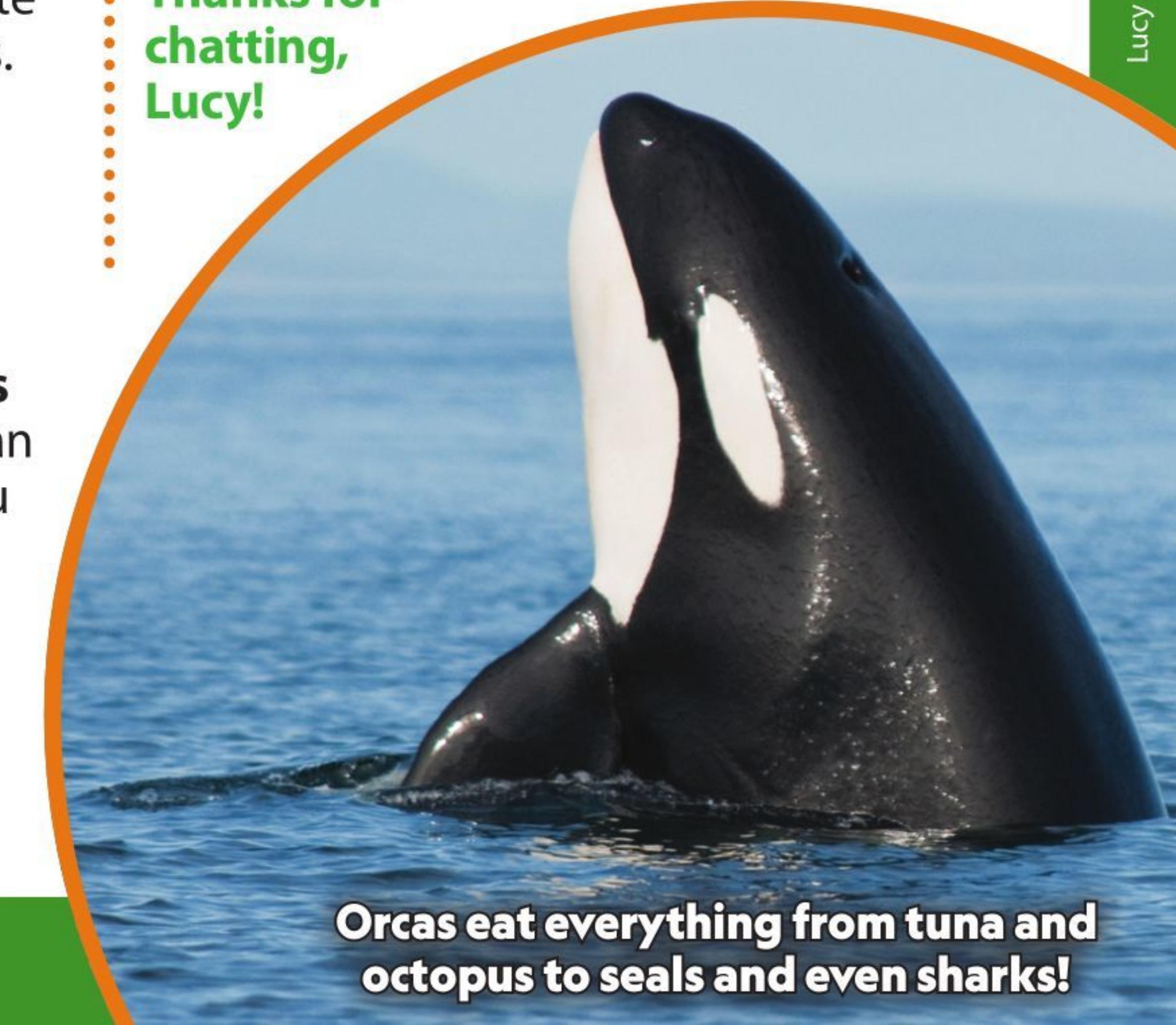
ships, cruise ships and fishing boats. But many of those have been in port. The skies have been the same as many **airlines were grounded**. I can just imagine

fish swimming about and birds flying around thinking, 'Wow, it's really quiet and peaceful right now!'

What do you like best about your job?

I get to do what most people are not allowed to – **get up close to wild animals**! Touching creatures in the wild is not normally ok as it can cause them **stress** or **transfer disease**. But because I'm **attaching tracking devices**, I have a reason to interact with them. I've **looked into the eyes of a sea turtle**, **held a stingray** and **many birds**, and I've never stopped appreciating what a **privilege** that is. When I hold an Arctic tern in my hand, I think 'You're so little and yet you have to do this **incredible journey** across the entire planet before you and I will meet again in a year's time.'

Thanks for chatting, Lucy!



Orcas eat everything from tuna and octopus to seals and even sharks!

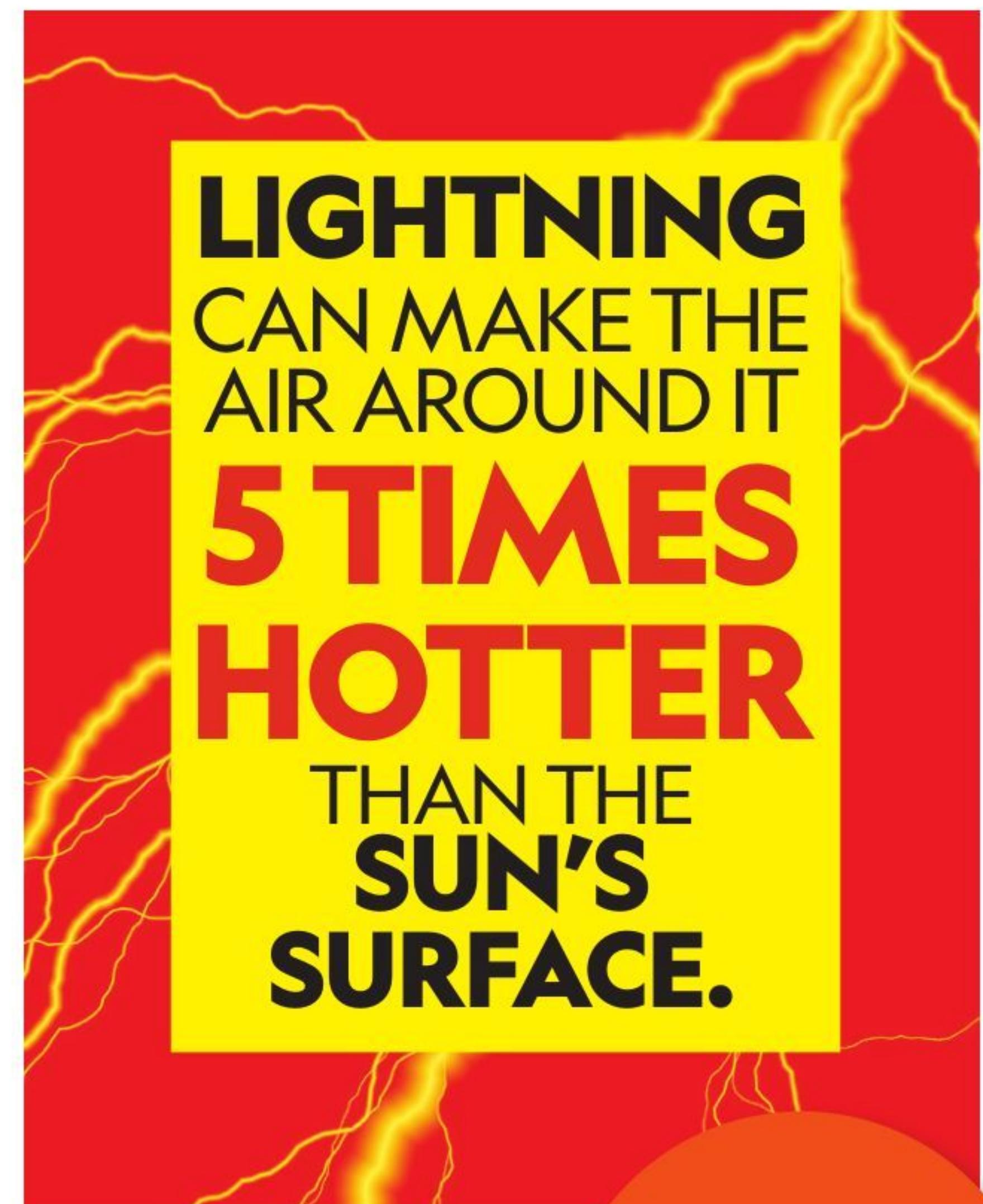
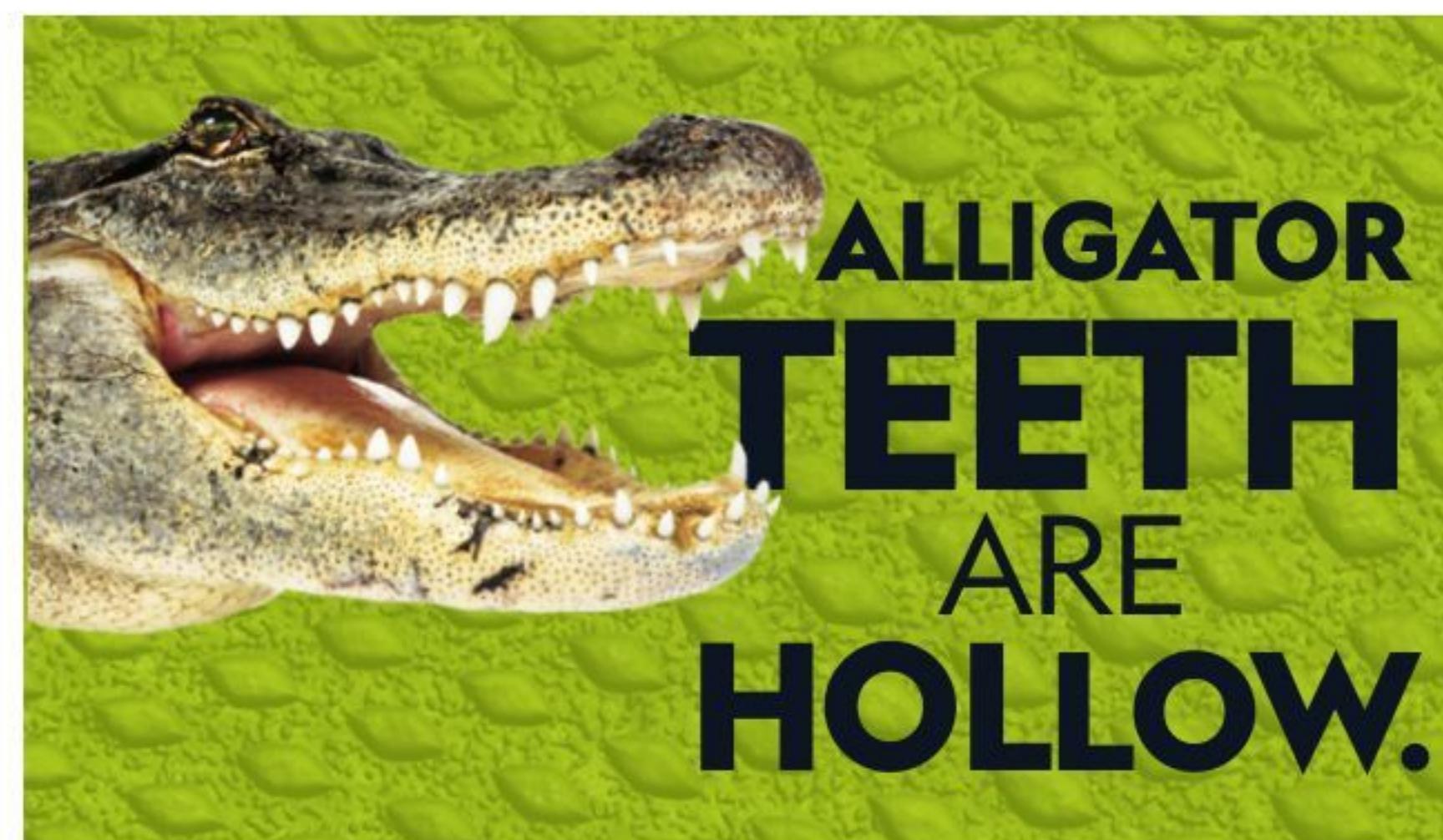


Lucy loves working with wild animals!

weird but true!

A MUSEUM IN SOUTH KOREA IS DESIGNED TO LOOK LIKE A **TOILET BOWL**.

Check out these outrageous facts...



THE SUNSET ON **MARS** APPEARS **BLUE**.



PIGEONS HAVE RECEIVED **MEDALS OF HONOUR** FOR MILITARY SERVICE.

TWO OF **GEORGE WASHINGTON'S** LIBRARY BOOKS HAVE BEEN MISSING FOR MORE THAN **220 YEARS**.



WHO WANTS TO PLAY TWISTER?

SUPER SUMMER READS!

Looking for a brilliant book to get stuck into? Then check out these six top titles from Bloomsbury. There's something for everyone...

Available from open bookshops and online retailers

The Wild Way Home

by Sophie Kirtley

When Charlie's baby brother is born with a **problem in his heart**, Charlie **runs away** into the **forest**, with its **sheltering leaves** that shut out **trouble, hurt and fear**. But then Charlie finds a **boy lying in a river**, barely alive. Heading off to find help, Charlie realises that the **forest has changed** into something **ancient**, something **WILD...**

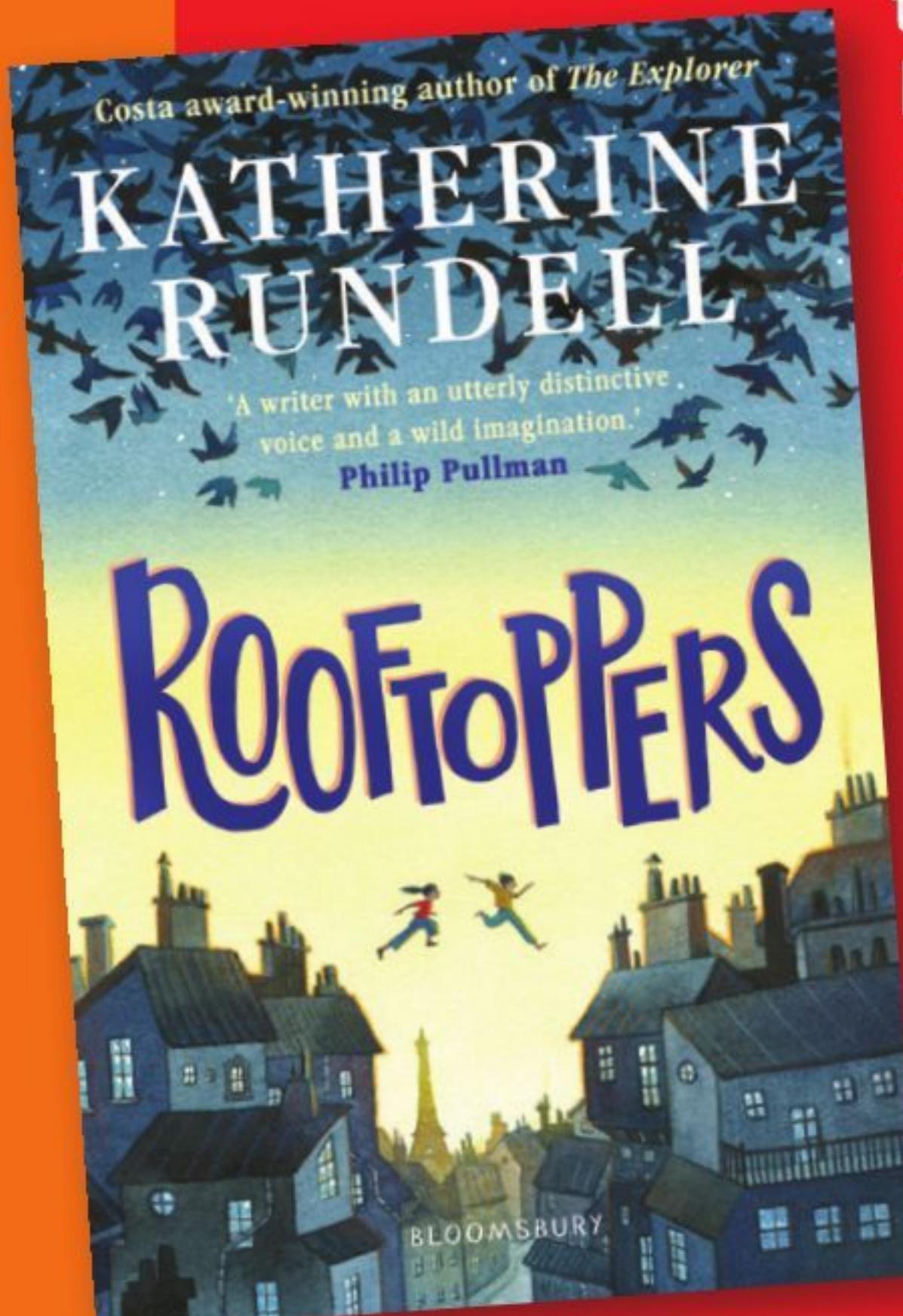


OUT IN JULY!

Rooftoppers

by Katherine Rundell

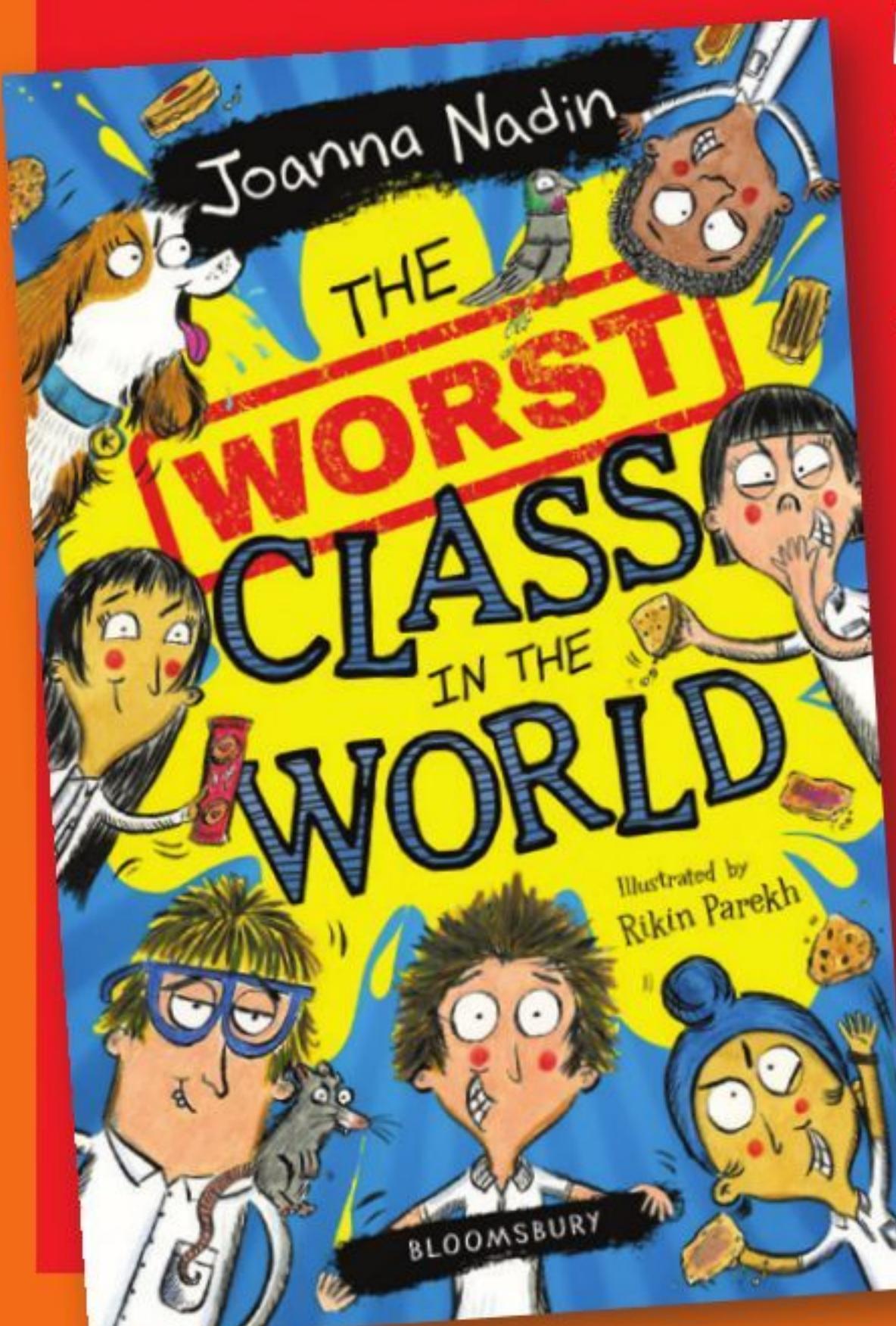
Everyone tells **Sophie** that she was **orphaned** in a **shipwreck**, but she's convinced her **mother survived**. So when the **Welfare Agency** threatens to **separate her** from her **guardian** and send her to an **orphanage**, they **run away to Paris** together. There she finds **Matteo** and his network of **rooftoppers** – children living **secret lives** within the **skies of the city...**



The Worst Class in the World

by Joanna Nadin
illustrated by Rikin Parekh

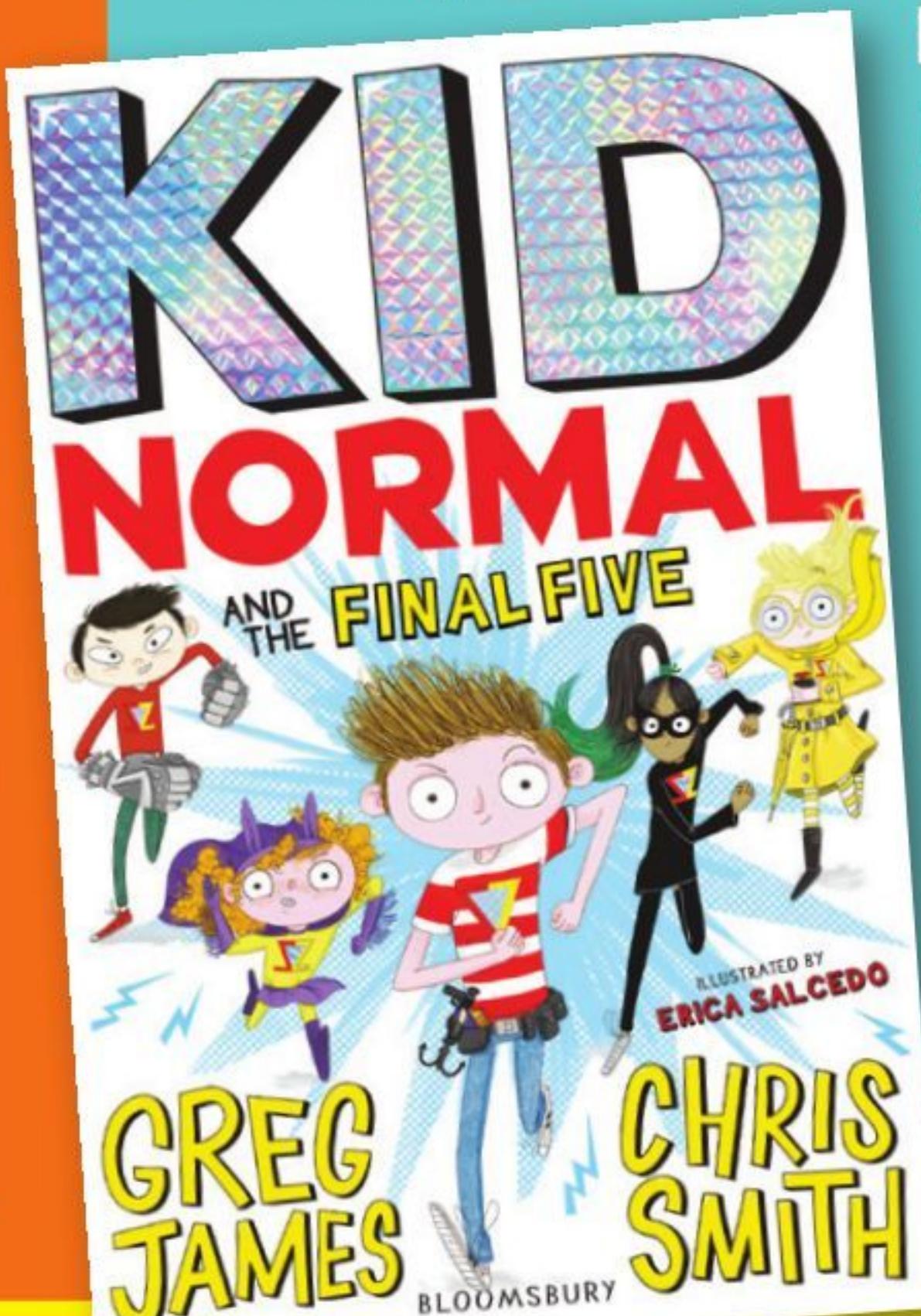
According to their headmistress **Mrs Bottomley-Blunt**, **4b** are LITERALLY the **worst class in the world**. But best friends **Stanley Bradshaw** and **Manjit Morris** don't agree. They're just busy **having fun** with their **BRILLIANT ideas**. The problem is, those ideas have a **habit of going a little bit wrong!**



Kid Normal and the Final Five

by Greg James and Chris Smith, illustrated by Erica Salcedo

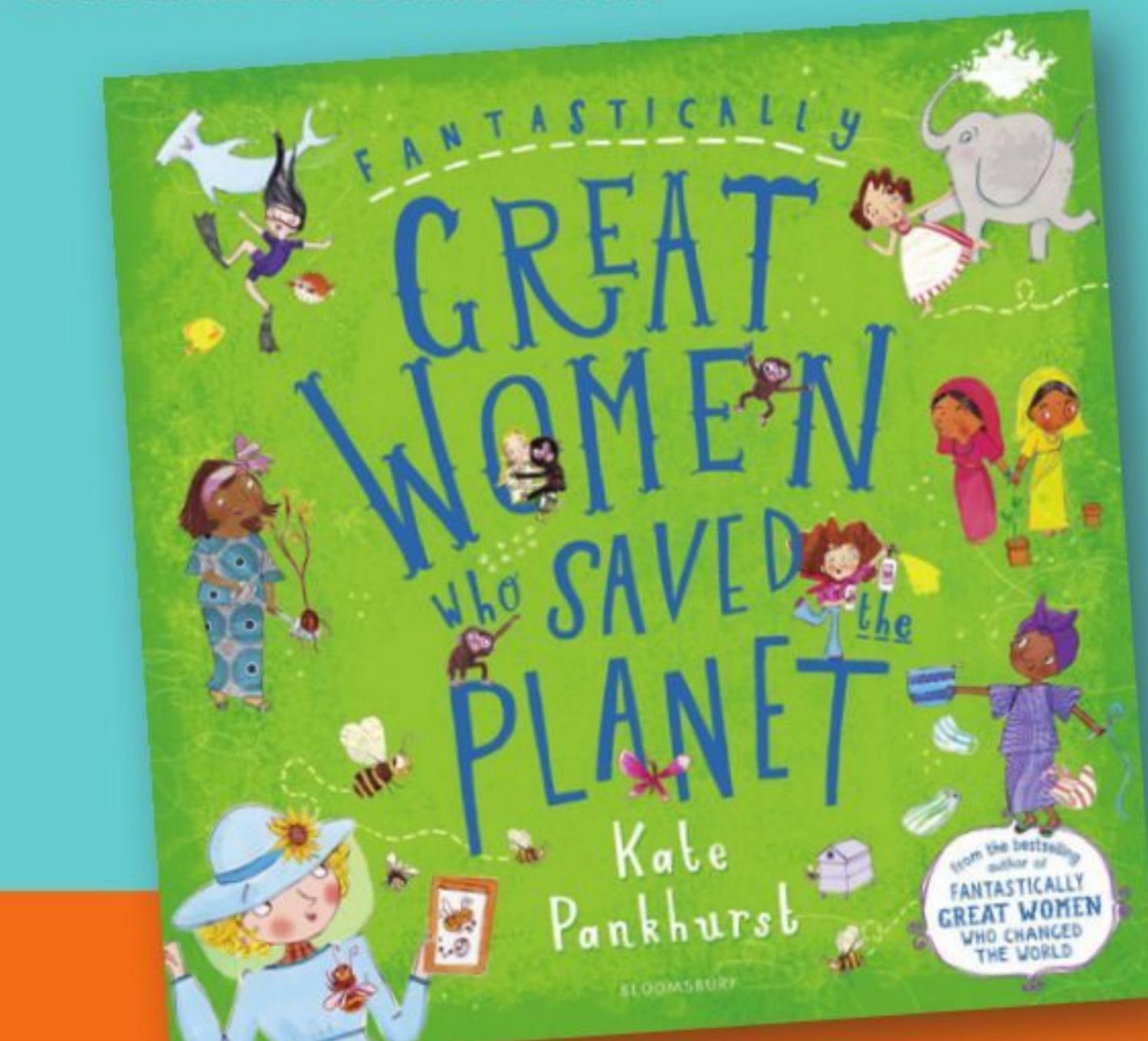
Murph Cooper (aka **Kid Normal**) and the **Super Zeroes** used to **save the day** in secret, but now **everyone knows who they are!** Problem is, an evil **villain** has told the public that **superheroes are dangerous** – he wants to **lock them up and take over the world**. Gah! Can Murph **expose the plan** before all heroes are **doomed forever?**!



Fantastically Great Women Who Saved the Planet

by Kate Pankhurst

Think **Greta**'s great? Well, it's time to meet some *other fantastically great women* who've helped **save our planet**! Written by **Kate Pankhurst**, descendant of **suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst**, this fun, **illustration-packed** book shows that **all actions**, big and small, can be **powerful** in the fight against **climate breakdown**.

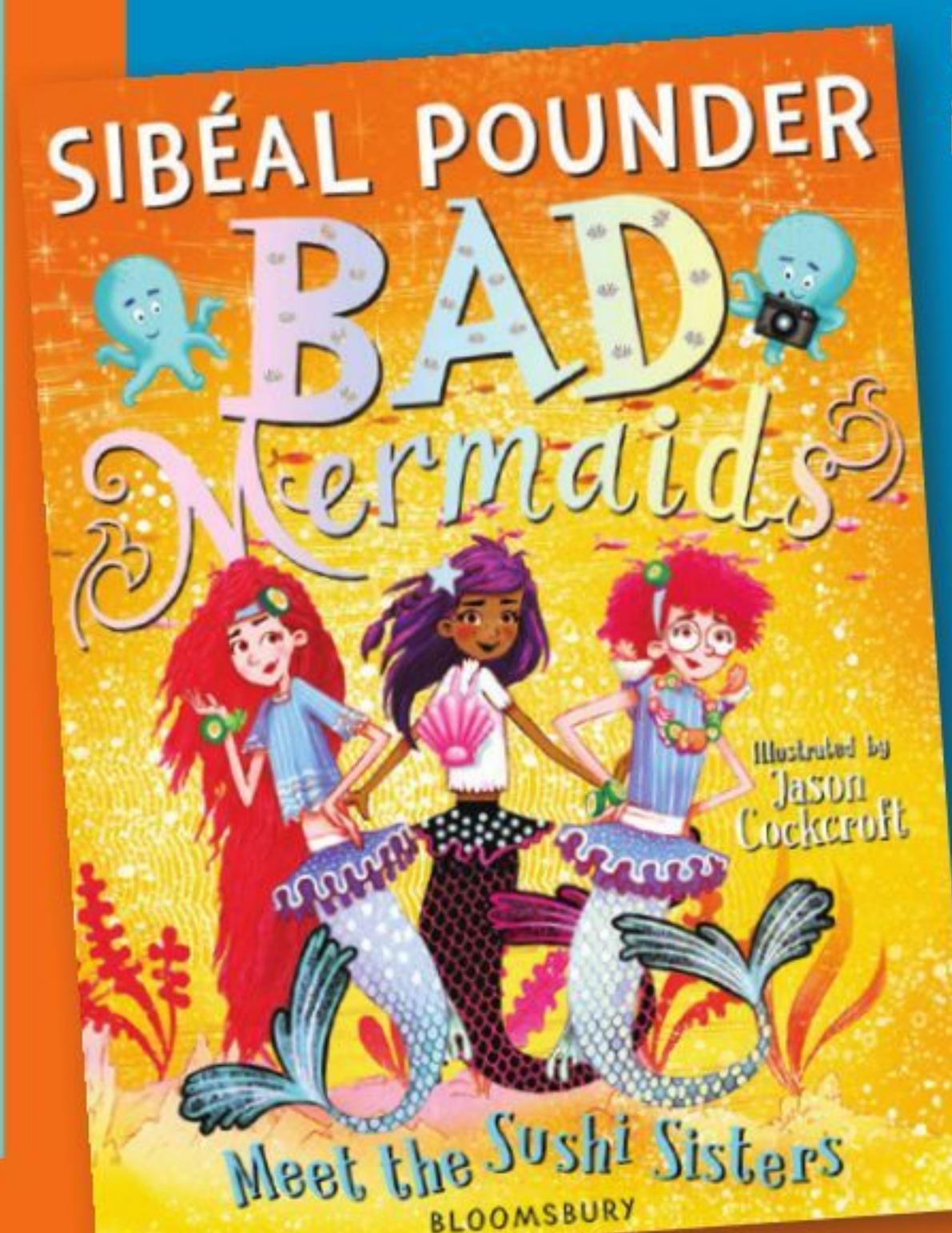


Bad Mermaids

Meet the Sushi Sisters

by Sibéal Pounder, illustrated by Jason Cockcroft

Meri Pebble, professional **spy mermaid**, has a new mission – she's going undercover to investigate the famous (but fishy) **Sushi Sisters**. Meanwhile, her human friend **Paris** is moving from the **USA** to a **castle in Scotland** complete with a **loch** rumoured to be **haunted by a mermaid**!



Things get **sea-riously weird** in this fourth book in the **Bad Mermaids** series!



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FAWN**

Bet You Didn't Know!

6 astounding facts about Africa

1 **Tanzania** has the world's largest population of tree-climbing lions.

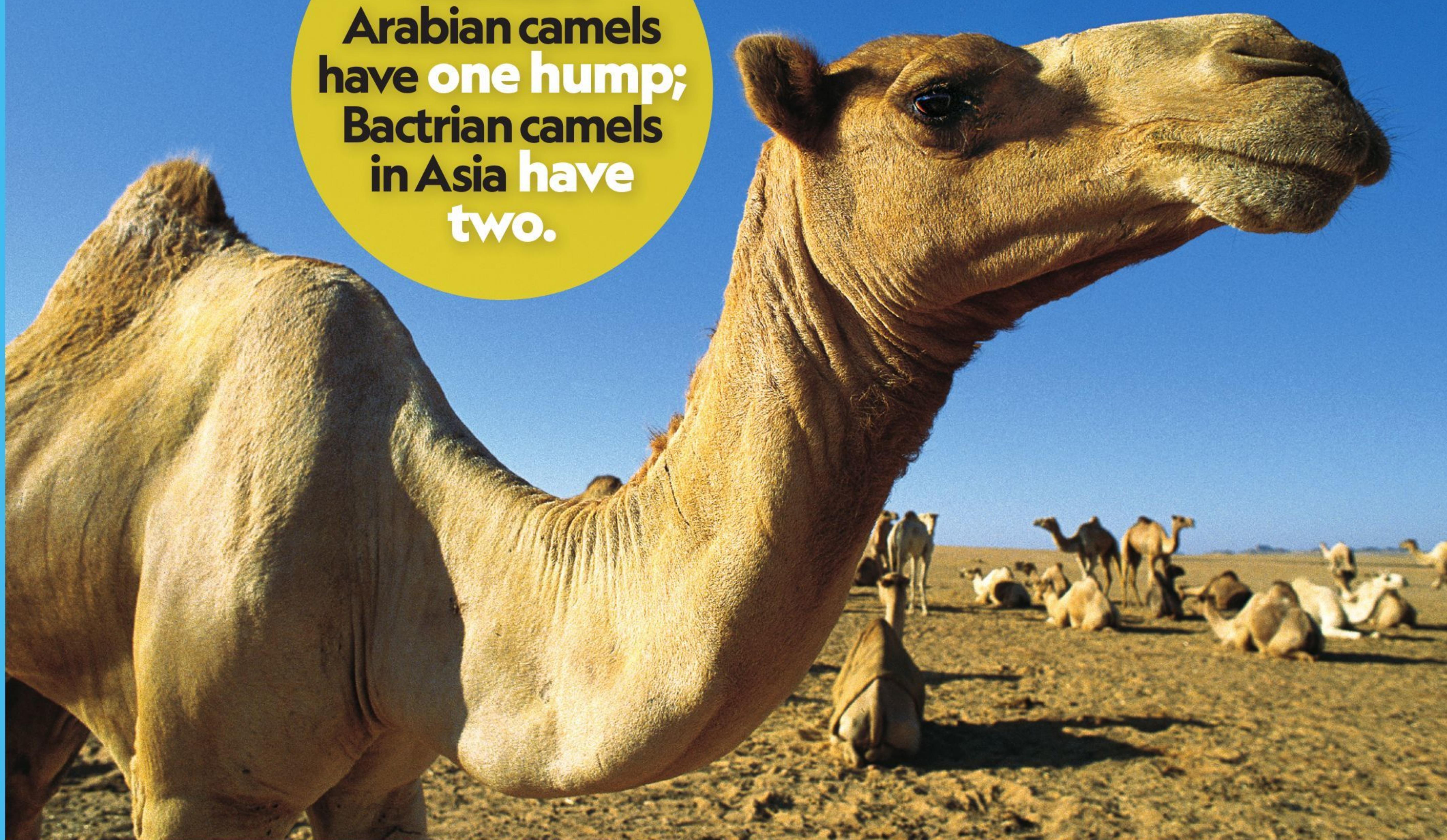
4 More than a thousand languages are spoken in Africa.

5 Africa's Arabian camels have one hump; Bactrian camels in Asia have two.

2 Thrill-seeking tourists sandboard down giant dunes on many of Africa's beaches and deserts.

3 Mummified crocodiles have been discovered in Ancient Egyptian cemeteries.

6 Some scenes in the *Star Wars* movies were filmed in Tunisia.



REFUGEES

To celebrate this year's Refugee Week (15-21 June), we find out why people might become refugees, and meet two kids from Syria who have started new lives in the UK...

 Refugee Week



Worldwide there are 25.9 million refugees. Half of them are under the age of 18.



More people are being **forced to leave their homes** today than ever before in history. **Wars, persecution*** and **natural disasters** are all reasons people may have to move to another country. Their **journeys to safety** may be **long and dangerous**, with people **separated from their families**. Many may end up in **refugee camps** or **detention centres** before being **resettled**. Try to imagine what it would be like if **YOU** had to **leave all your friends and family behind** and start a new life in an **unfamiliar country** where you **don't speak the language!** Mohamad and Jana tell us what it was like...

*Persecution is when people are treated badly because of their beliefs, race, gender, or membership of a social group.



WAR IN SYRIA

A terrible **war** has been raging in **Syria** for over **nine years**, causing over **half** of all Syrian people to **flee their homes**. Many different groups and countries are involved in the fighting, which shows no sign of stopping. Between **400,000** and **700,000** Syrians are now **dead or missing**, and there are over **6.7 million Syrian refugees** worldwide.

WELCOME!

Meet Mohamad!

Name: Mohamad Khir Radwan

Age: 13

Country of origin: Syria

Now lives: Coventry, UK

Hobbies:

Swimming,
basketball
and origami

Best

school

subjects:

Maths and
English

**Dream for
the future:**

To go to
university
and become
a surgeon



Mohamad and Jana came to the UK as part of the **government's resettlement scheme**. This is when **vulnerable refugees** are given support to live in the UK. The UK has promised to resettle **20,000 Syrian refugees by the end of 2020**.

Hi, I'm **Jana**! My family are from **Syria** and had to leave due to the war. They went to **Lebanon**, a country on the border of Syria, and that's where I was born. But when I was **four**, my family and I were **resettled in the UK**. Everything was different and strange, and I didn't have any friends here. I was very scared at first – I didn't know how to speak English, and I cried a lot!

A lady called **Sandra** from the **The Refugee and Migrant Centre charity** came to our home every day and showed us around our new city. It took about **one month** to **feel settled**, and I **speak English fluently** now. I also **teach English** to my **father** and **mother**, and they're showing me how to **write in Arabic**! At home, we still enjoy listening to **Arabic music** and my mum helps me make **Arabic food** such as **Arabian Delight**.

The best thing about being in the UK is my **friends** – I love them a lot! But I don't like living **far away** from other members of my family, and I wish to see them again. When the war is over, I want to travel to my country, Syria. I **have never been there**.

Jana with
her brother
and dad



Hi, my name's **Mohamad** and I came to the UK with my family in **2014**. We're from the city of **Homs in Syria** but we had to leave because it was too **dangerous**. After we left, we went to **Jordan** where we lived for just over **two years**. Some students at my school there were **racist** towards Syrians, and said bad things to us.

When we first arrived in the **UK** I thought people would talk in the same language as me, so I started speaking Arabic to them! It took about a **year to learn to speak English properly** – it wasn't too difficult because whatever my friends said, I would write it on a note book then **translate it to Arabic**. My dad and teachers were really encouraging – they said: "Even if you say things wrong, don't be embarrassed. If you don't try, you won't achieve!"

Since being here I've played many different **sports** and read many **interesting books**, but my best achievement is **learning English** and getting on with people. I like everything here in the UK – especially **Christmas**, when everyone is happy and joyful – but I **miss my family** back in Syria.



Meet Jana!

Name: Jana Jazaerei

Age: 6

From: Syria / Lebanon

Now lives:

Walsall, near
Birmingham

Hobbies: Drawing
and reading, riding
a bicycle, watching
cartoons

Fave subjects:

Maths and
Arabic language

**Dream for the
future:** To be a
famous doctor



Turn the page to find out how
YOU can help refugees!

GET INVOLVED!

Try one of these simple acts to discover more about refugees...

IMAGINE

The theme for this year's **Refugee Week** is 'Imagine'. So find somewhere quiet, grab some pens and paper, and try these exercises...



● Imagine you had to leave your home behind. **What would you take with you?** What would you **hope to find?**

● What would your **school, community, city** or the **planet** be like if **YOU** made the **rules**?

● Try to imagine what your hometown might look like to someone walking its streets **for the very first time.**



● Write a **poem** or **short story** starting with: '**Imagine a world where...**' (Maybe you'll imagine a future where we've found **new ways to care for our planet** or **protect human life.**)

LEARN ABOUT REFUGEES IN HISTORY!

Did you know that during the **1930s, 4,000 Basque*** children came on a ship to **Britain** to escape the **Spanish Civil War**? A new **online exhibition** uncovers the **forgotten stories** of some of these children and the people that welcomed them in **Norfolk** and **Cambridge**. Learn how a group of Basque boys made friends with local lads – and played **football matches** against them, and how a local volunteer took a **war-traumatised group** on a **two-week holiday** to the **seaside!**



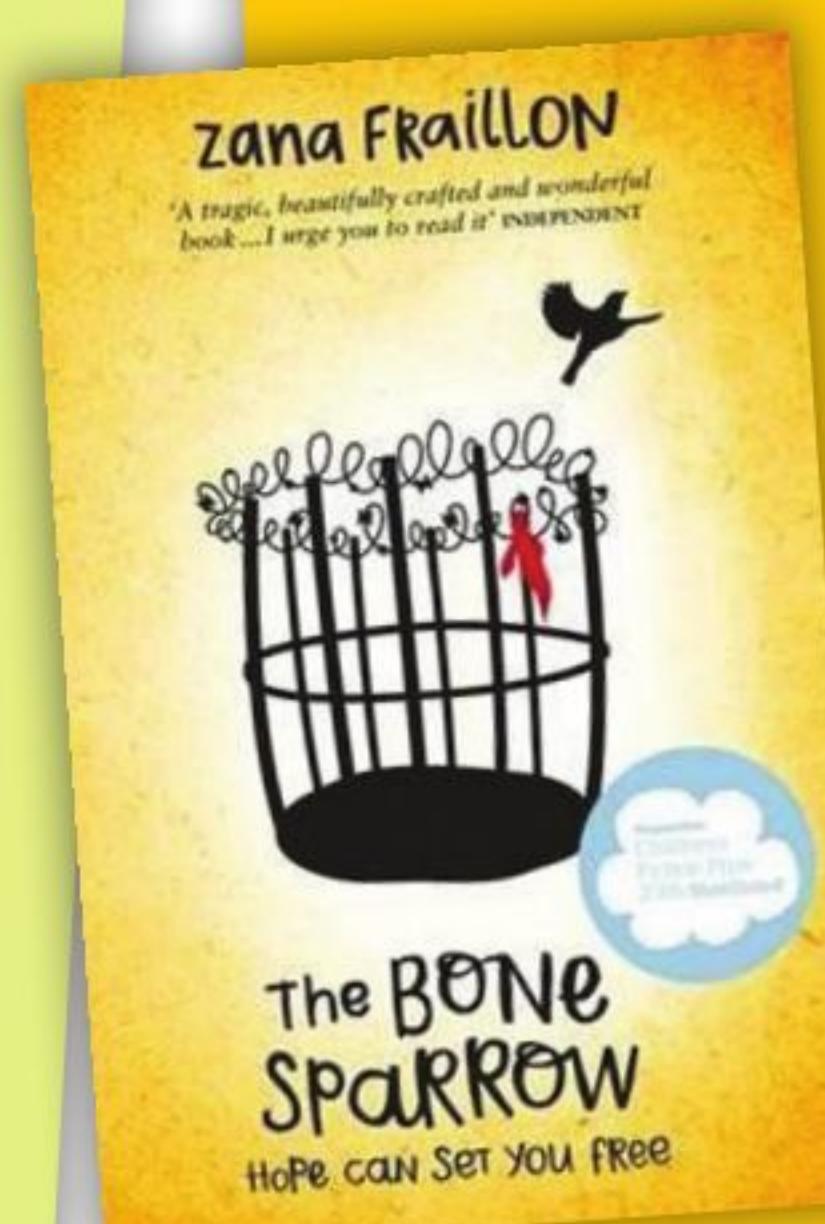
Basque children in Britain

● Head to havenseast.org to see the full exhibition, including video footage and loads of fascinating stories!

* Basque people are an ethnic group from the **Basque Country** region that straddles parts of **Spain** and **France**.

READ ABOUT EXILE

Books are a brilliant way to **learn** about the **experience of refugees**. Here are some great **novels** you could try...



The Bone Sparrow

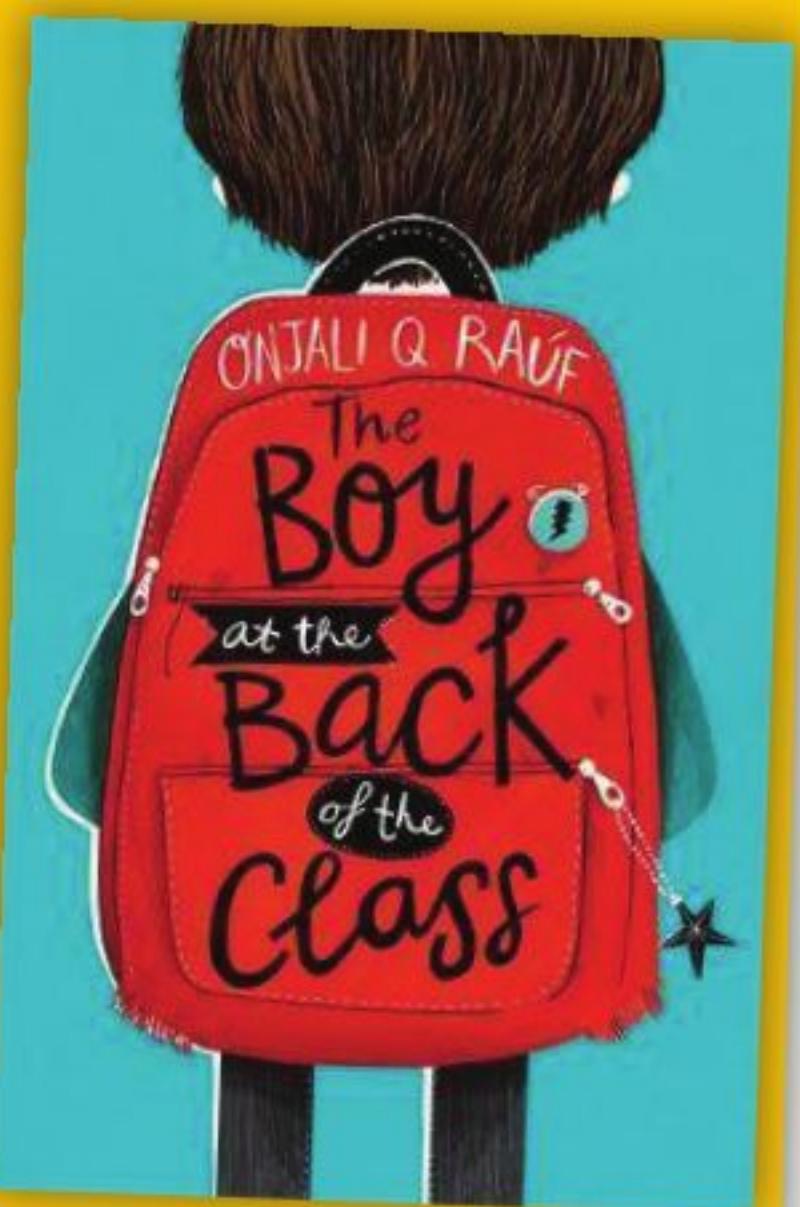
Zana Fraillon

Born in a **refugee camp**, **Subhi** has **never seen the outside world**. But one day, near the fence, he meets **Jimmie**, a young girl who lives close to the camp and becomes his **friend**.

The Boy at the Back of the Class

Onjali Q Raúf

This beautiful book shows the **power of kindness**, as four kids welcome new kid **Ahmet**, a **refugee from Syria**, into their classroom, and make a massive impact on his life.



Child I

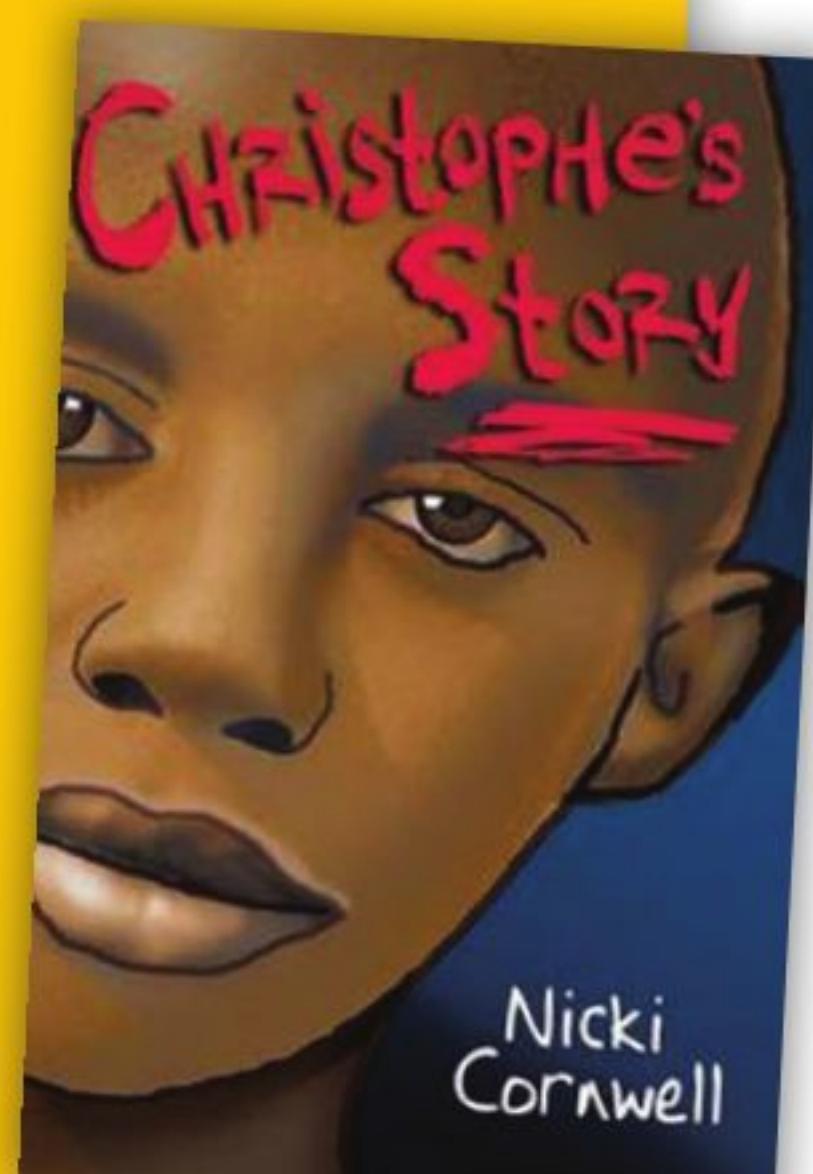
Steve Tasane

This moving tale is based on things that have really happened to **children** living in refugee camps – with stories of kids picking out **breadcrumbs** from the **mud** and searching through **rubbish tips** for toys. **Child I** is not always an easy read, but it is an **important one**.

Christophe's Story

Nicki Cornwell

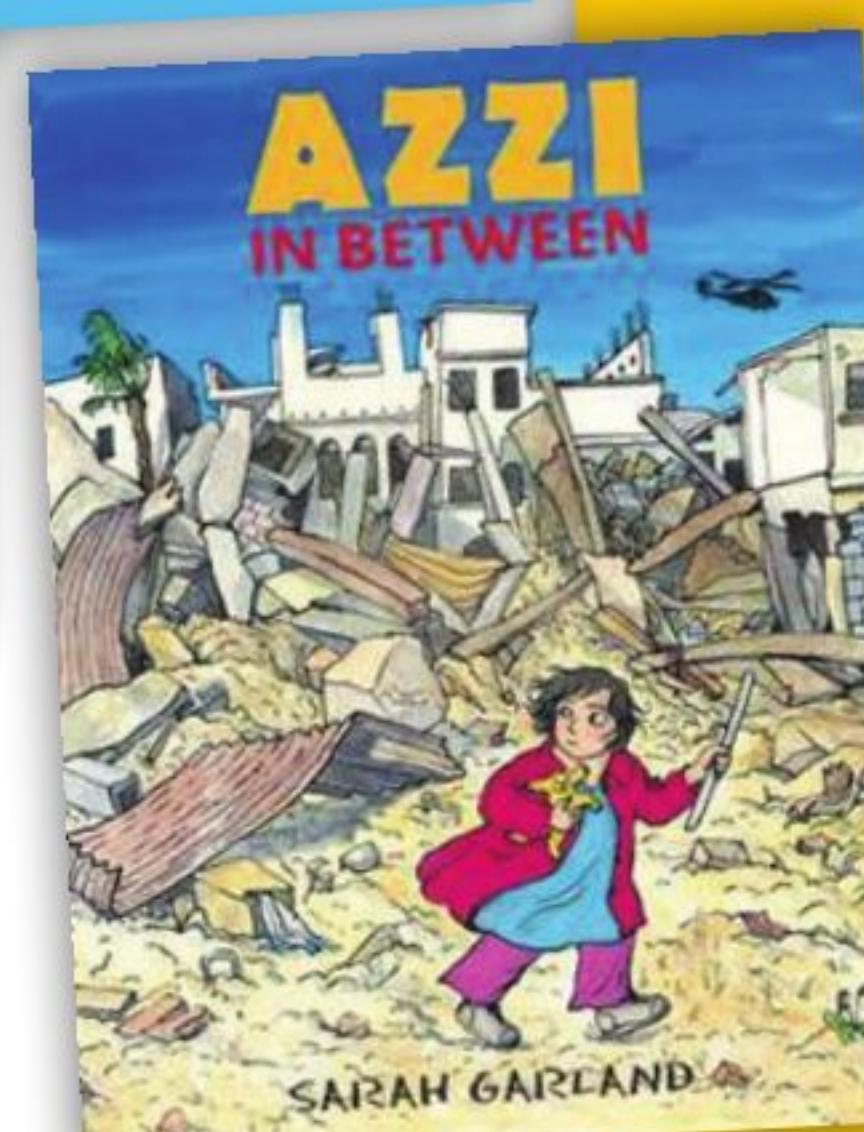
Rwandan refugee Christophe is **bullied** when he first arrives at an **English primary school**. But when the children hear his story of **escape** and realise what he has been through, they appreciate what a **special person** he is.



Azzi in Between

Sarah Garland

When **Azzi** and her parents have to **flee their home** because the country is at war, Azzi leaves behind everything she knows and loves, most importantly her **grandmother**. This graphic novel follows Azzi as she learns to adapt to her new life in an unfamiliar place.



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In *Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters*, engineer Rosie is no stranger to flops, fails, kerfuffles and catastrophes. But this time, Rosie has a really important project to tackle – one that feels much bigger than herself.

The first 50 new NG KiDS subscribers this month will receive both these great books!

• **The Questioneers** are available from all good bookshops



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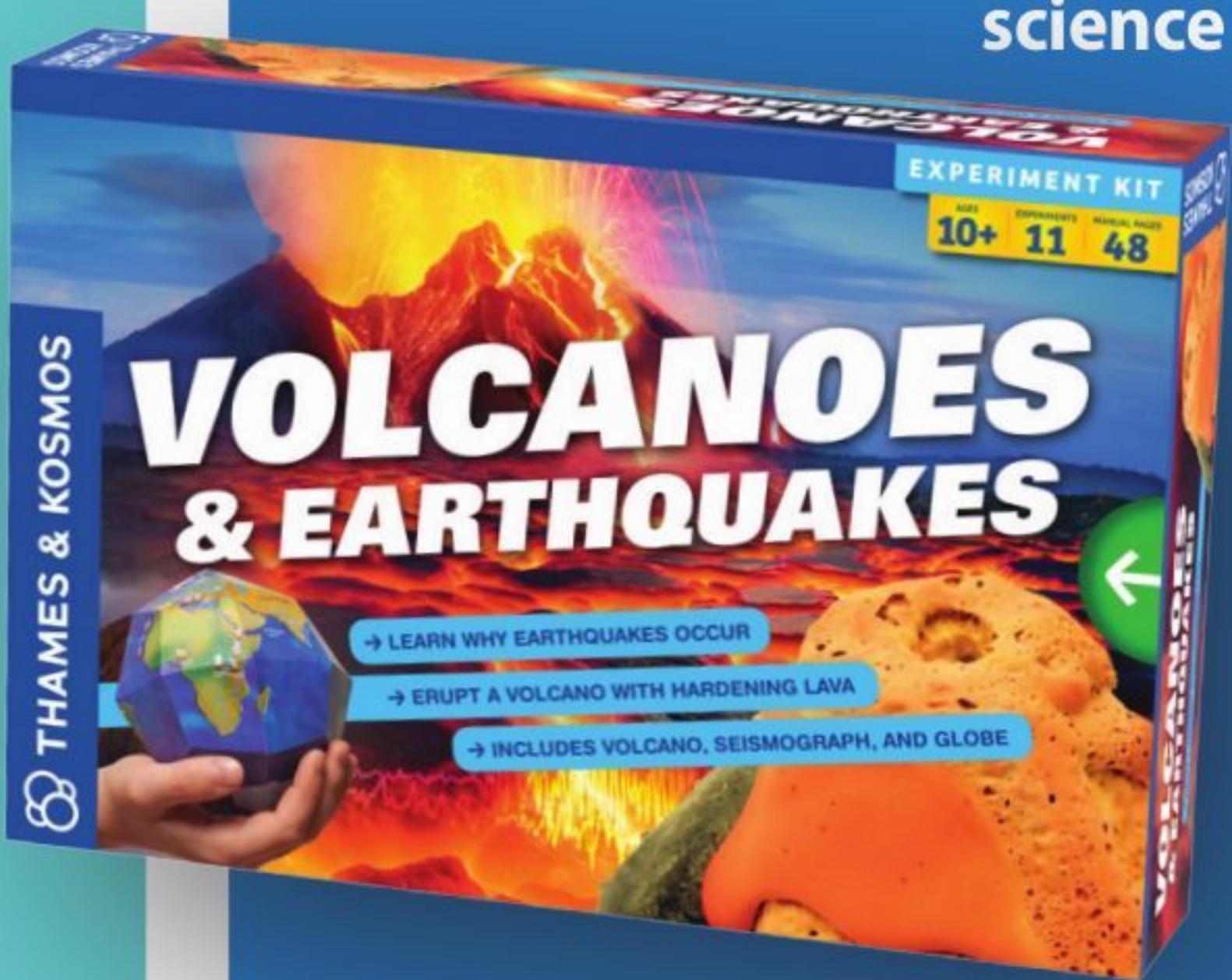
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WIN! THAMES & KOSMOS KITS

Sink your teeth into these incredible science kits from **Thames & Kosmos**.

The **Great White Shark Anatomy Model** lets you **examine** one of nature's most **fearsome fish**. Put together a **model** of this powerful predator piece by piece and find out about its **internal structure** and how its **organs** work.

Volcanoes & Earthquakes lets you study the science behind **awe-inspiring natural phenomena**. Create a model **volcano** with plaster-based 'lava' that hardens after each **eruption**. Then build a working **seismograph** and fake some 'quakes to see how **scientists measure earthquakes**!



Q Which of these is a real species of shark?
a) Lion shark b) Tiger shark c) Cheetah shark



Nine science geeks will shoot off with **both** these kits.

For more super sets head to thamesandkosmos.co.uk

WIN! PLAYPRESS TOYS

Build your very own **spacecraft** with these inspiring, **eco-friendly sets** from **Playpress**.

Meet a friendly crew of **astronauts** and **robots** with the **Star Searchers** set. Then construct a super-cool **Space Station**! Its onboard **lab** and **detachable capsule** will help you carry out important **experiments in zero gravity**. Cool! Plus, explore the stars in your super spaceship with the **Space Ranger** set. What will you discover?

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Fifteen winners will blast off with **all three Playpress sets**.

- Find more eco-friendly playsets at playpresstoys.co.uk



Q Which of these might you find in space?
a) A black hole b) A grey hole c) A white hole

WIN! NON-FICTION BOOK BUNDLE

Fill your head with **fascinating facts** thanks to this brill **What on Earth Books** bundle!

From **islands** made of **shells** to isles that are **human-made**, **Amazing Islands** celebrates the world's smallest landmasses.

Reveal the incredible things that happen **Every Second** on our planet, like **100 lightning strikes** and **200,000 text messages**, then learn about the climate crisis in **Planet SOS**, finding out what **YOU** can do to help fight it.

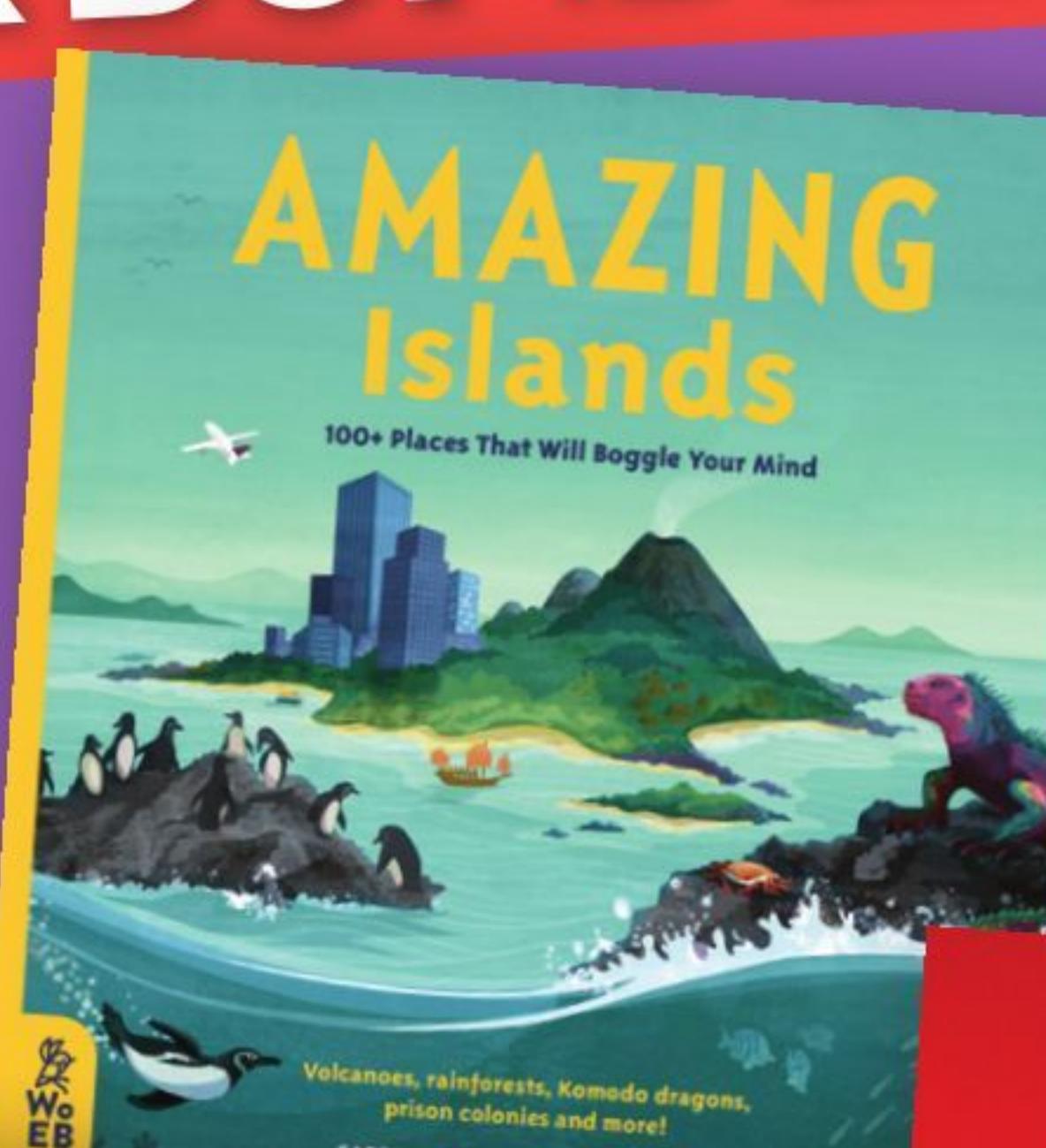
Did you know that **English**

words actually come from **all over the world**? Find out more by exploring the amazing **history** of our language in **Literally**.

Ten bookworms will get **all four** of these books.

- Visit whatonearthbooks.com for more fantastic non-fiction.

Q What is the world's largest island?
a) Isle of Wight
b) Canvey Island
c) Greenland



46 chances to win!

WIN! AWESOME ACTIVITY BUNDLE

Check out this amazing prize package from **Orchard Toys** that's perfect for **younger readers**!

Explore the world's **countries** with the **World Map Jigsaw**, and then piece together some brilliant **British wildlife** in the **Where in the Wood Jigsaw**.

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Ten winners will each scoop **all five** prizes!

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Q Can you unscramble these letters to reveal an animal found in British woodland? **GABDRE**



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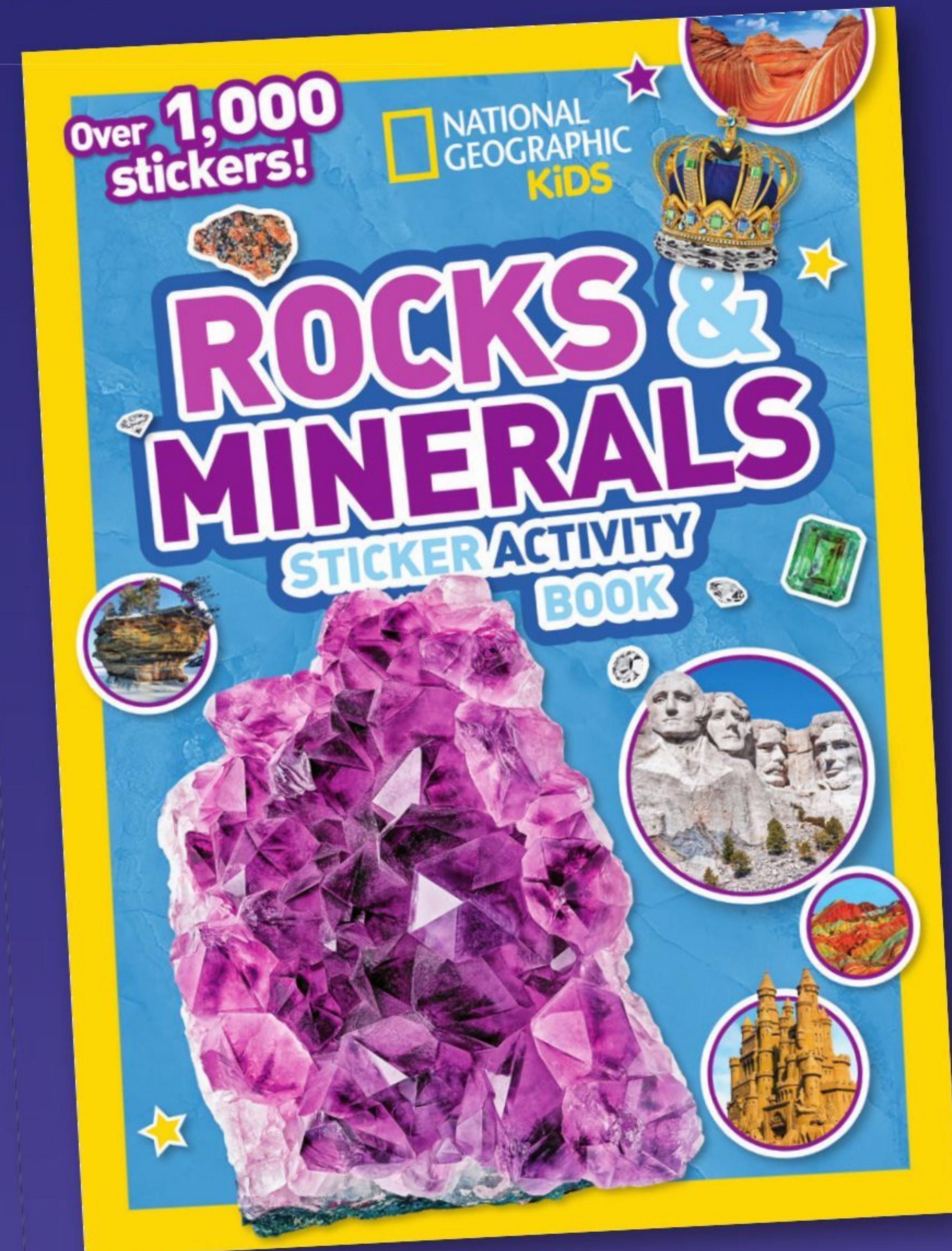
● Find out more by zooming over to micro-scooters.co.uk

Q What was the name of the pirate in the *Pirates of the Caribbean* movie series?
 a) Jake Sparrow
 b) Jack Sparrow
 c) Jock Sparrow



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You'd better cover your ears if you're around **Charlie** the golden retriever.

He holds the record for the **loudest bark by a dog**, at **113.1 decibels**. That's about as loud as a **rock concert**! Luckily for his Aussie owners, Charlie usually doesn't have a lot to say!



REALLY BIG SWIG



Imagine how huge your **hands** would have to be to pick up this massive mug! The world's **largest cup of coffee**, brewed in **Chinchiná, Colombia**, holds over **22,739 litres** of the bitter beverage, enough to fill nearly **150 bathtubs**. We vote for the next cup to hold hot chocolate instead.

TERRIFYING TOENAILS!



Anyone have a nail file? **Louise Hollis's toenails** are the longest on record. At one point, if all ten were laid end to end they would've measured more than **2.2 metres**! Louise, from **California, USA**, wears **platform sandals** so her toenails don't drag on the ground. And if one of her nails does break, she **keeps** it. Maybe there's a record for largest collection of toenails, too!



JUNIOR EXPLORERS' CLUB

POSTCARD FROM...

South Africa



Dear NG KiDS,
Last year, my family and I went on safari in South Africa to Kariega Game Reserve. It was always my dream to go there!

I was very excited when I saw a rare black rhino basking in the hot sun. Then we saw three young male elephants play fighting.

On the next day we saw two lions. There was a male and a female. The male had a scratch on his leg. The ranger said it was because of a fight with his teenage son!
Eliana, 9

It sounds like you had the holiday of a lifetime, Eliana!

GREAT GAME!

Hi NG KiDS!
My English home learning project was to design a board game including instructions. I decided to do one based on my love of animals, which includes my large collection of Nat Geo Kids subscriber fact cards. If you land on a 'Pick up an animal card' space, you choose a card and ask the other players whether a statement on the back is **true** or **false**. The first correct answer gets an extra point. Everyone **learns new facts** whilst playing!

Izzy, 7

• Fantastic use of our fact cards, Izzy. We want to play!

Q. What does a panda
bake pancakes with?

▲ A pan! Duh.
Oscar, 9

HA HA LOLZ HA HA
HA HA HA HA



NAME: Caramel
AGE: 9 months
SPECIES: Hamster
LIKES: Cuddles, stroking and honey
DISLIKES: Chocolate and sweets
OWNER: Ellie, 10

COVER STAR!

We want to hear from YOU! Send in your artwork, jokes, craft pics and pet photos; tell us about your wildlife sightings, hobbies and interests, and share your opinions! Email kids@ngkids.co.uk – a selection will be printed on this page. Every reader on these pages will receive a copy of the *Rocks & Minerals Sticker Activity Book* from NG KiDS Books!

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HOBBY TALK

Hi NG KiDS,
I am always amazed by the **great photographs** I see in your magazines. In lockdown, I decided to try and take some **nice wildlife pictures** myself. I took these photos of **birds** and **insects** in my **small garden** in **North London** – it shows how much wildlife you can find on your doorstep!

Thomas, 9

● Brilliant pictures, Thomas. You clearly have a great eye!

YOUR FUN STUFF MAKE IT'S

I saw the **dino feet** craft in **issue 177** and it inspired me to make **dino hands** and a **head**, too! I really **love reading** **Nat Geo Kids** each month and can't wait for it to arrive in the post.

Daisy, 11

● We love your dino creations, Daisy. They're *roar*-some!

Visit natgeokids.com/uk/home-is-good for tons more top **Make It** crafts that you can do at home!

POETRY CORNER

The World is Not Our Oyster

Washed up frothing tide
We should not rip, bite and tear the
beauty that's inside
The mighty tiger fierce
The poison dart frog swift
They are almost driven to extinction
But not a finger do we lift

The ocean's full of plastic
Pollution in the air
Mean, illegal logging
Our crueltyness everywhere

The world is not our oyster
So now is time to fight
We've carelessly done so much wrong
We need to put it right

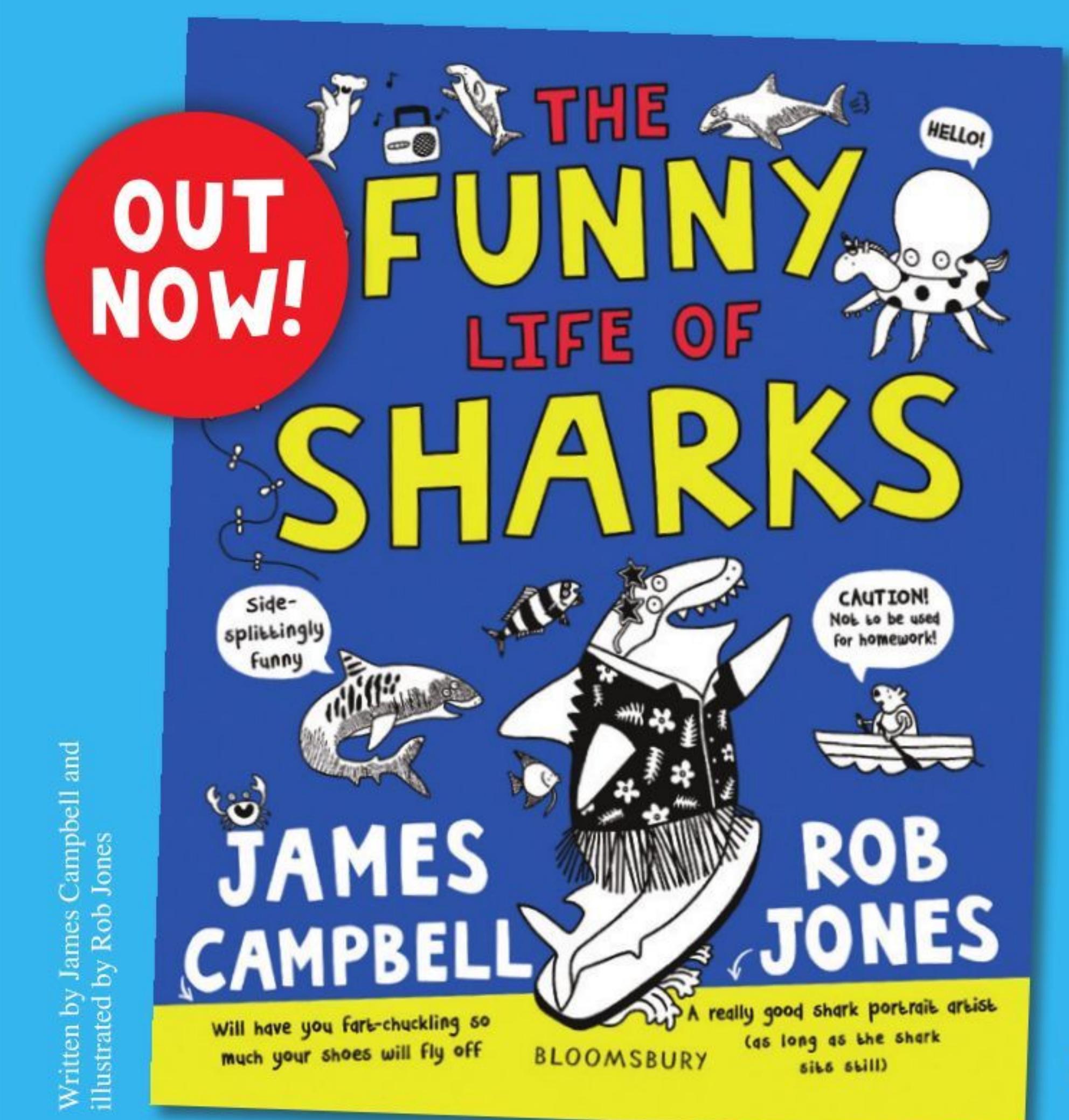
Charlie, 9

● Wow, that's such a powerful poem, Charlie! We agree with your message.



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THE FUNNY LIFE OF SHARKS
Prepare to roll around the floor laughing with James Campbell and Rob Jones' hilarious new book!



Written by James Campbell and illustrated by Rob Jones

Ever wondered why **sharks** have such a **bad reputation**? Are they **dangerous, human-munching monsters**? Or have we got it all **wrong**? Maybe sharks are more afraid of us!

This **fart-chuckling*** **funny** book will teach you about these **fin-tastic** fish, from **great whites** and **tiger sharks** to weird-looking **hammerheads**. Discover just how **incredibly old** sharks are, why they're **SO important** for the **environment** and find out how to **look after them**.

So, whether you're **seriously afraid of sharks** or love them so much you want to **invite one to your next birthday party**, this bonkers book is for you!

WIN! A COPY OF THE BOOK!

Five readers will swim off with a copy of this brilliant read. To be in with a chance of winning, just tell us how many times the word **SHARK** is hidden in this grid! **Enter at natgeokids.com**

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* Fart-chuckling is when you chuckle so much that you accidentally fart. Oopsy!

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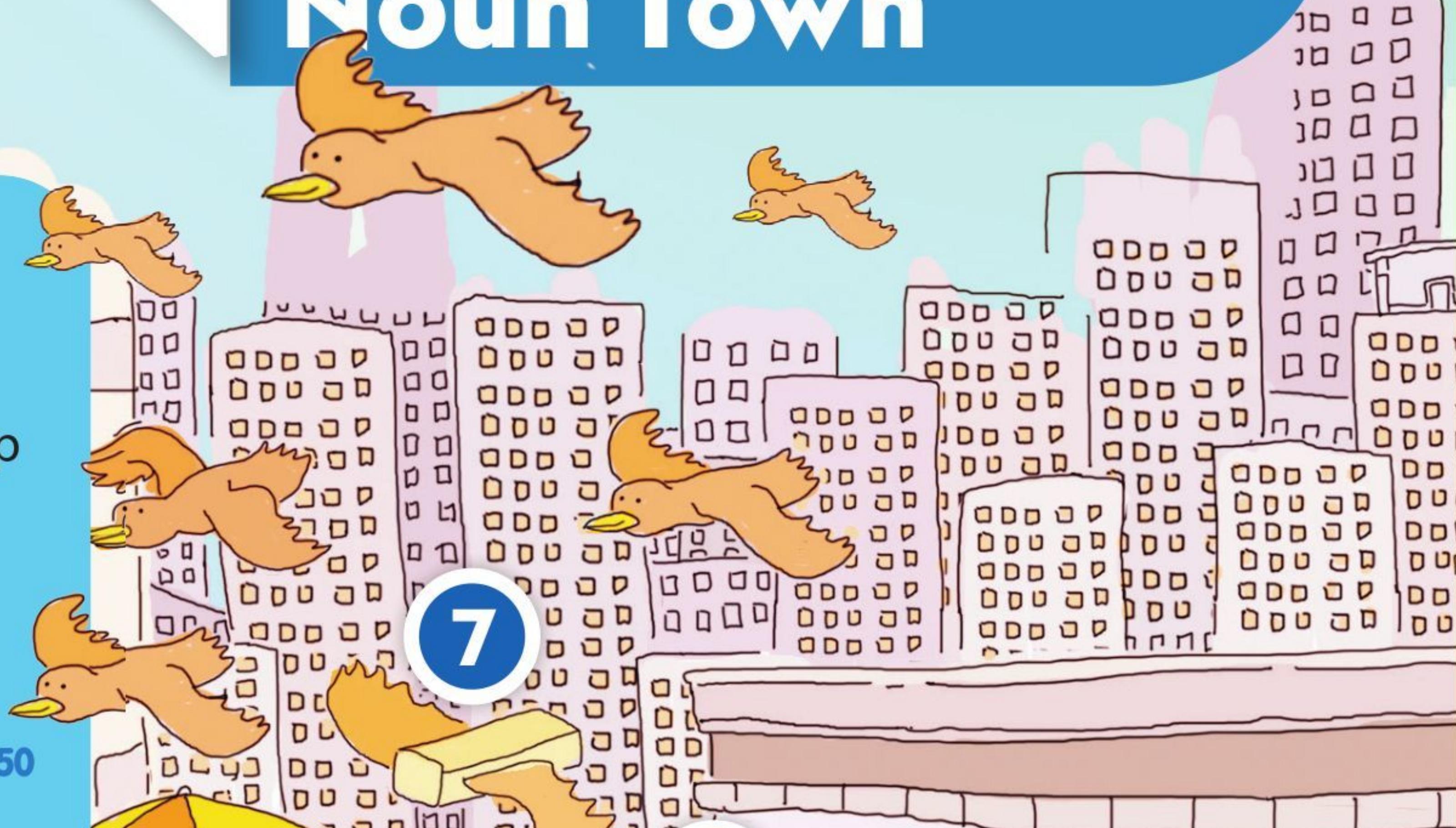
STUFF

GAMES, LAUGHS, AND LOTS TO DO!

Noun Town

PLAY 

This US city is full of **nouns** (people, places and things). The picture also contains 12 **compound nouns** (nouns made up of two or more words, or **two words combined** to make one word) that have been **drawn exactly as they're named**. Can you guess the compound nouns illustrated next to each number? To get you started, the answer to number 1 is 'sleeping bag'. **Answers on page 50**



WHAT IN THE WORLD?

BEACH DAZE

These photographs show close-up views of objects you might see at the beach. Unscramble the letters to identify what's in each picture. **Bonus:** Use the yellow letters to help you answer the joke below...

Answers on page 50



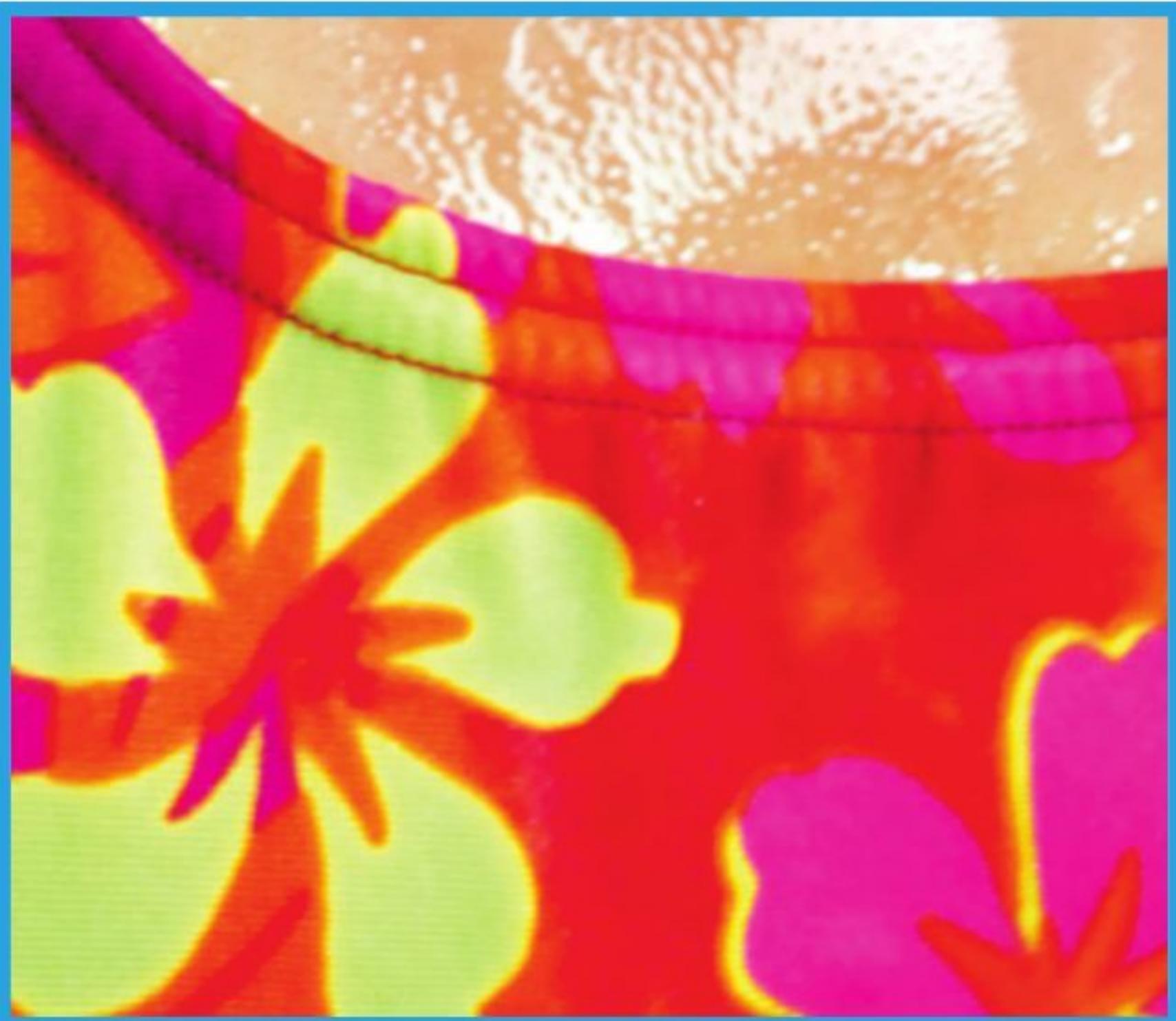
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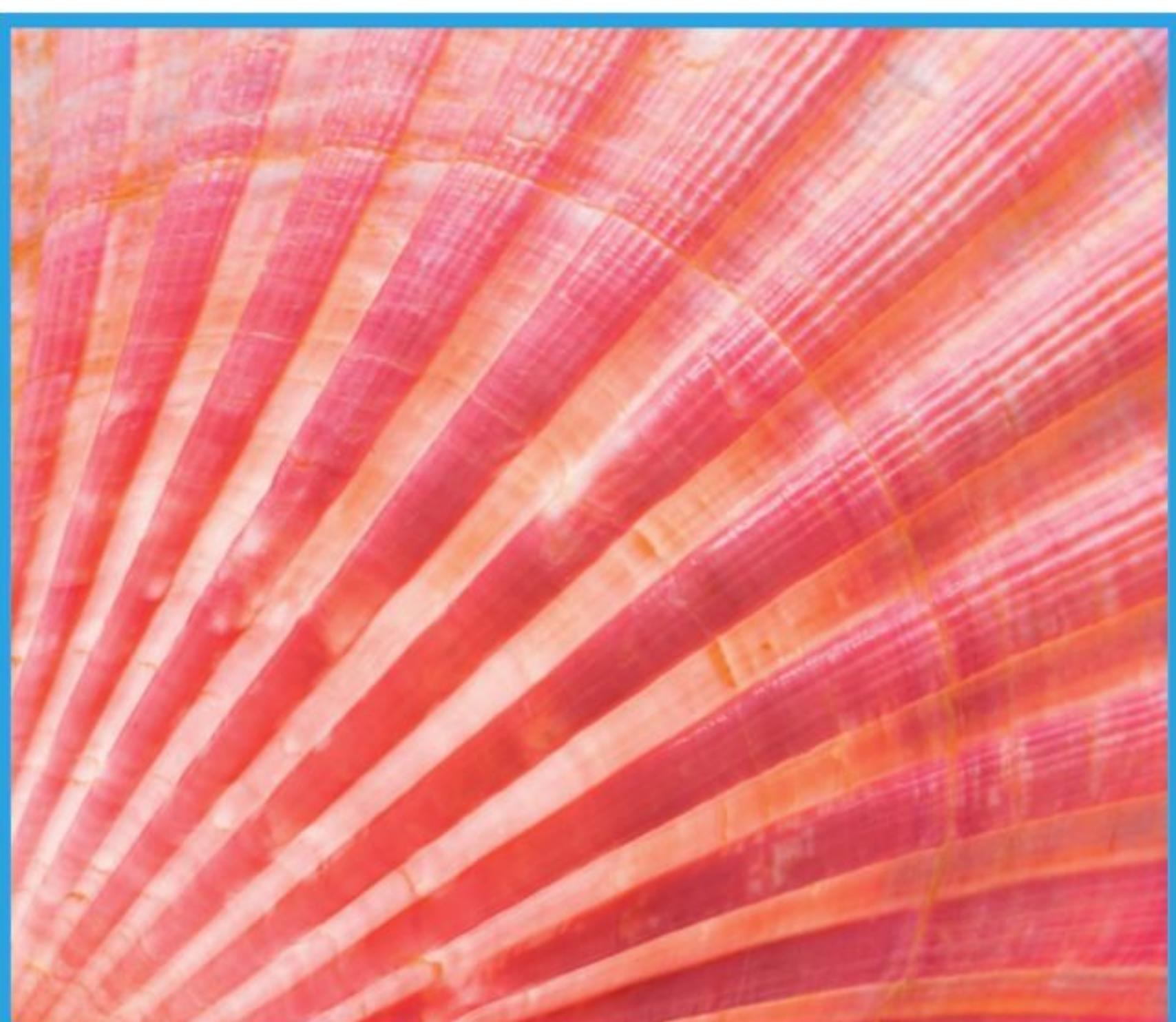
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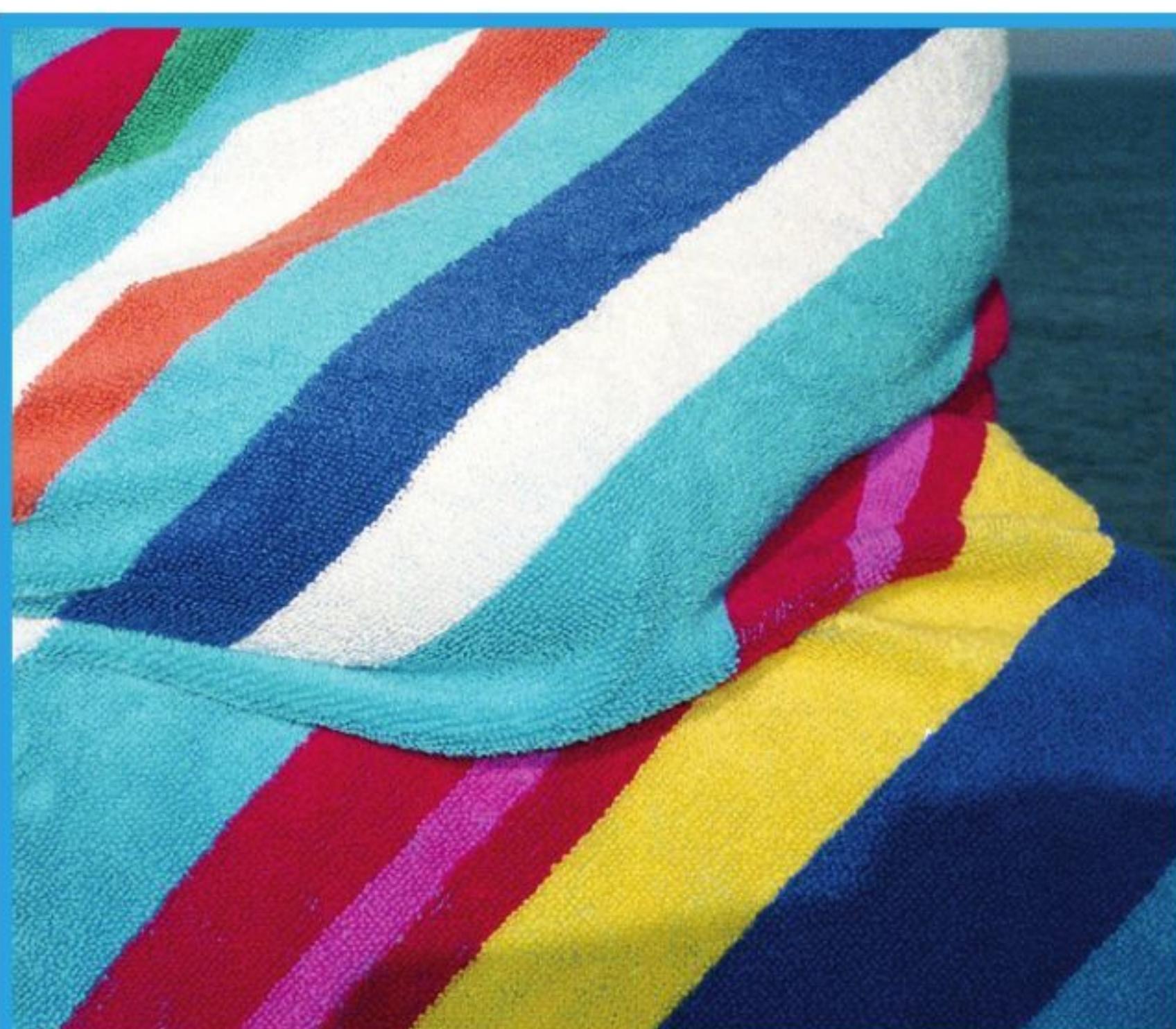
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RAPSOAL

JOKE: What do fish take to stay healthy?

ANSWER: **V** — — — — **I** — — — — **S** — — —

FUNNY FILLED-IN

STOP, THIEF!

Ask a friend to give you words to fill in the blanks in this story without showing it to them. Then read it out loud for a laugh.

GRAMMAR TERMS!

Noun – a person, place or thing
Verb – an action word that describes what a person or thing does
Adjective – a word that describes a noun
Adverb – a word that describes a verb



For the holidays, my family took a trip to a(n) _____ town in the USA. I was excited to look for people wearing historical era _____ old-fashioned _____ and _____. My brother only cared about seeing _____ animal, plural _____. We were _____ by a bank when a man dressed in all _____ colour _____ out of the building. He threw some bags of _____ over his shoulders before _____ off down the street. "Stop, thief!" a(n) _____ yelled behind us. I ran to the _____ next to the same animal, plural bank and _____ climbed on top of one. My brother tossed me a(n) _____ as I rode off after the crook. I twirled the object in the air, _____ it around the _____ thief. I caught him! The _____ gave my brother and me special badges as a thank-you for our help. same type of job

'Officer _____ – I like the sound of that! your name'



SCHOOL WORDSEARCH

Can you find all these school-related things in the big grid below?



- ATLAS ● BLACKBOARD ● CALCULATOR
- CALENDAR ● COMPUTER ● DESK
- DICTIONARY ● ENCYCLOPEDIA ● EXAM
- EXPERIMENT ● GEOGRAPHY ● HIGHLIGHTER
- HISTORY ● HOMEWORK ● LESSON ● LIBRARY
- LUNCHBOX ● MAP ● PAPER ● PENCIL CASE
- PENS ● READING ● RULER ● SCIENCE
- STAPLER ● STUDENT ● TEACHER
- THESAURUS ● UNIFORM ● VOCABULARY

Answers
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UP, UP, AND AWAY MAZE CHALLENGE!

Make your way along the sky path to reach the lost kite. Can you find the items listed below in the maze, too?

Answers
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STUMP YOUR PARENTS

Have a go at these tricky questions and then get your folks to try. Can you get a higher score than them?!

Answers on page 50

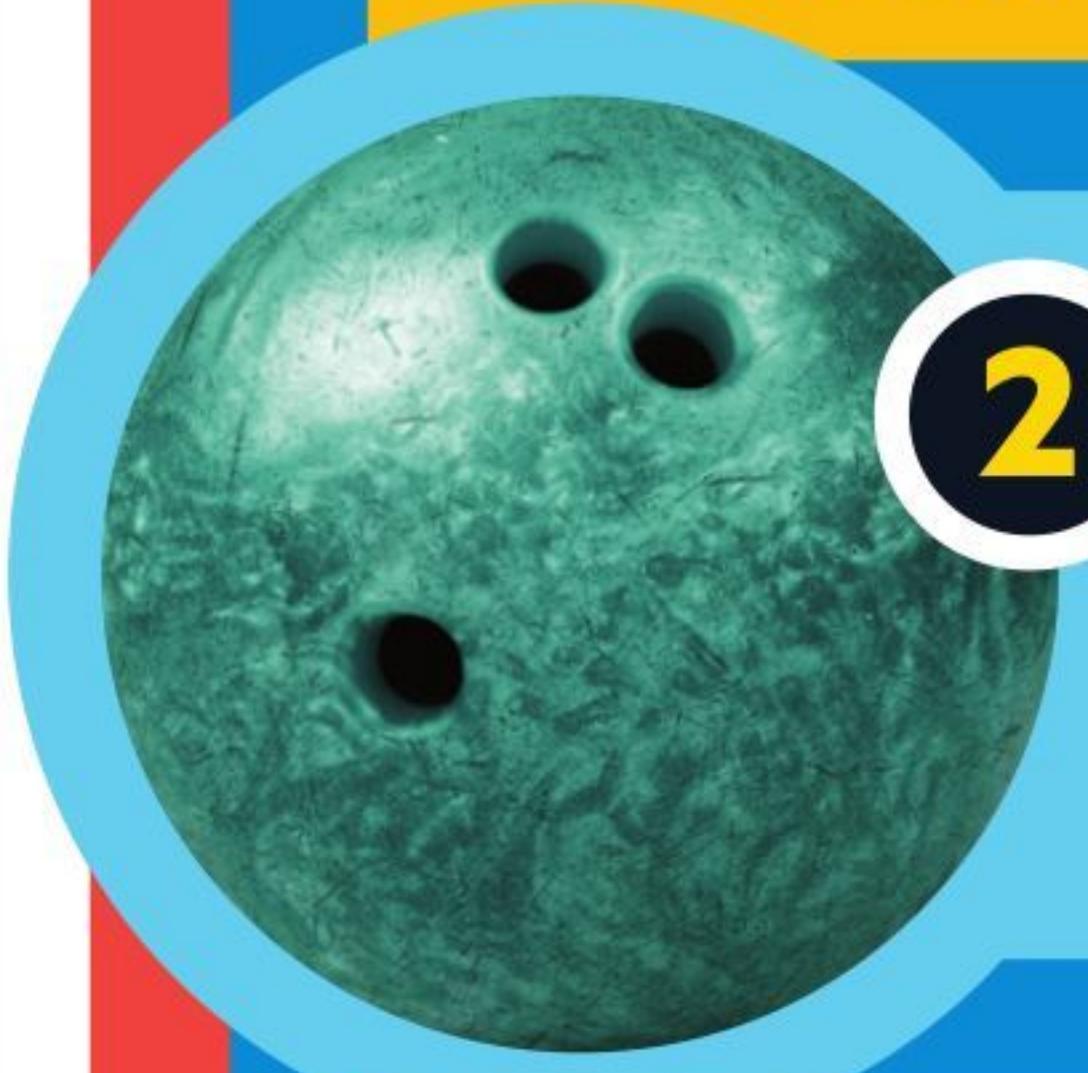
1 What heats up the water in a volcanic hot spring?

- A. The Sun
- B. Magma beneath the ground
- C. Microscopic creatures
- D. Steam engines



2 Bowling three strikes in a row is called a _____.

- A. Turkey
- C. Stinker
- B. Gutter
- D. Trio



3 What's the longest amount of time a person has spent riding a Ferris wheel?

- A. 1 hour 15 minutes
- B. 6 hours
- C. 52 hours 3 minutes
- D. 72 hours



ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND



4 Which character does Alice play croquet with in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*?

- A. Cheshire Cat
- B. Red Riding Hood
- C. Humpty Dumpty
- D. Queen of Hearts

5 Worth £282m, the Hope Diamond is about the same size as a _____.

- A. Pea
- B. Walnut
- C. Baseball
- D. Basketball



6 In which of the following countries would you NOT find a wild fennec fox?

- A. Egypt
- C. Libya
- B. Niger
- D. Botswana



7 Who invented The Mechanical Knight, thought to be the world's first robot?

- A. NASA
- B. Albert Einstein
- C. Leonardo da Vinci
- D. Walt Disney

8 Which of the following has never been a flavour of the American jiggly treat JELL-O?

- A. Curry
- B. Tomato
- C. Mixed vegetable
- D. Celery



9 About how long does a housefly live (if it doesn't get swatted)?

- A. 1 day
- C. 10 years
- B. 1 month
- D. 100 years

10 The sailfish – considered to be one of the fastest fish in the ocean – can reach speeds of _____ kmph.

- A. 69
- C. 109
- B. 99
- D. 199



COOKING CROSSWORD

Here's one for all
you food lovers!

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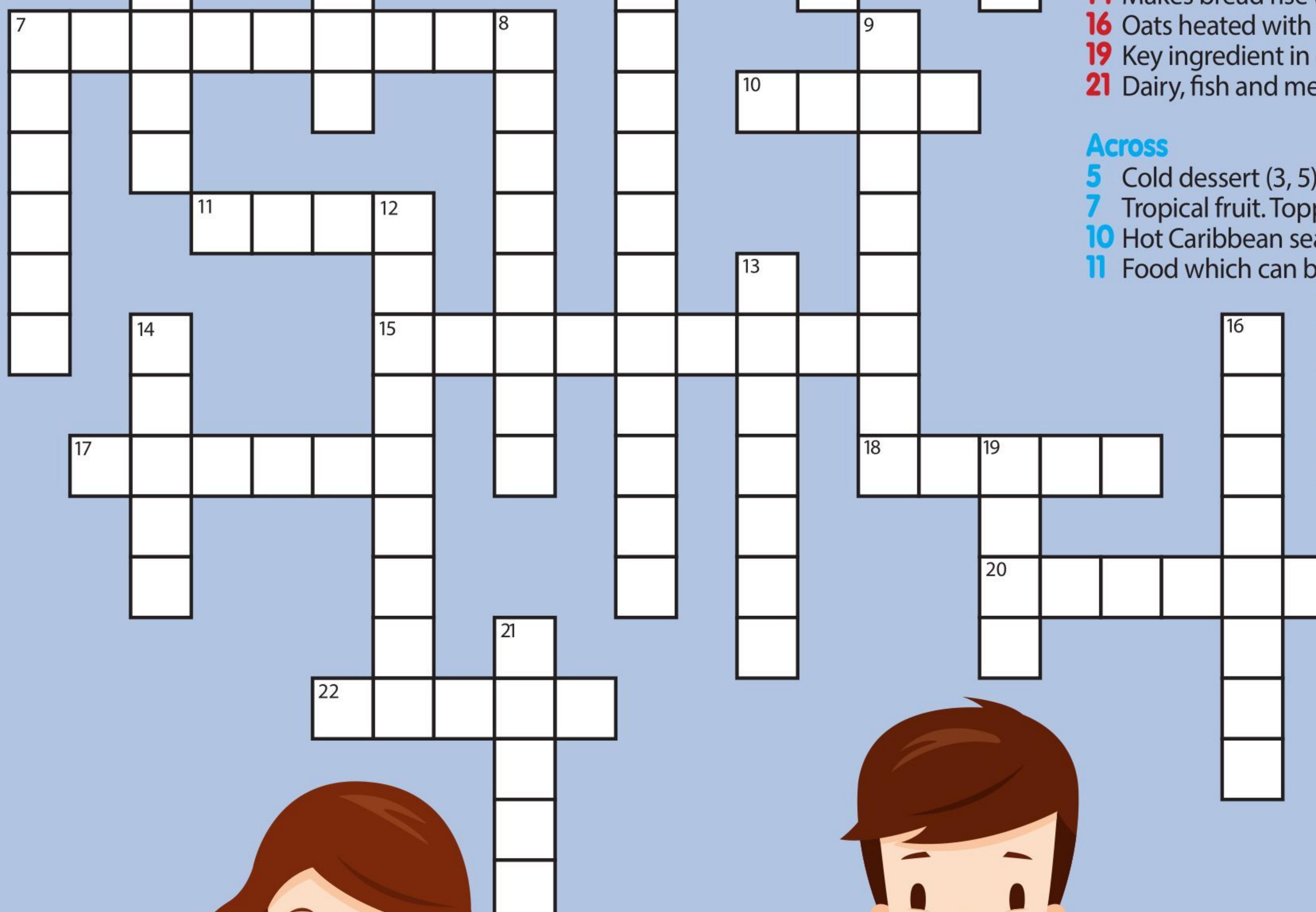
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Down

- 1 Traditional Sunday meal (5, 6)
- 2 'Squeaky' cheese from Cyprus (8)
- 3 Spicy saucy Indian dish (5)
- 4 Sliced, deep-fried potatoes (5)
- 6 Yellow vegetable that's sweet and often barbecued (4, 2, 3, 3)
- 7 Outside meal, often on blankets in a scenic spot (6)
- 8 What Americans call an aubergine (8)
- 9 Fudgy, chocolatey treats, named after their colour (8)
- 12 Green nuts, often used to flavour ice cream (9)
- 13 Veggies and noodles cooked quickly in a hot wok (4, 3)
- 14 Makes bread rise (5)
- 16 Oats heated with milk or water (8)
- 19 Key ingredient in omelettes (4)
- 21 Dairy, fish and meat-free diet (5)

Across

- 5 Cold dessert (3, 5)
- 7 Tropical fruit. Topping on a 'Hawaiian' pizza (9)
- 10 Hot Caribbean seasoning (4)
- 11 Food which can be slurped, or dunked into (4)
- 15 Type of pasta (9)
- 17 Spanish rice dish (6)
- 18 Cook in the vapour of boiling water (5)
- 20 Said to ward off vampires (6)
- 22 Sweetener made by bees (5)



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

See if you can spot **TEN differences** between these two beach clean-up scenes!

Answers
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#HOME IS GOOD

Some of us may still be stuck at home for the time being, but that doesn't mean we can't bring the spirit of outdoors in! Join Nat Geo Kids and Persil as we get messy, explore and appreciate nature, all from the safety of home!

#HomelsGood

MAKE IT

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STORY STONES

Paint pictures of objects and people on **stones** and use them to generate ideas for stories!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED



- A handful of pebbles or stones
- Poster paints in different colours
- Small paintbrushes
- A thin permanent marker
- A can of spray varnish (optional)
- A bag to hold the pebbles

START HERE!



1 Wash and dry your pebbles thoroughly. Paint the shape of each object with white paint. This will make your pictures more vibrant when you add the colour layer.



2 After the white paint has dried, build up your illustrations with coloured paint. Be as creative as you can!



3 After the paint has dried, use the permanent marker to outline your pictures. It's also great for adding smaller details to your stones.



4 This is an optional step, but you can make your story stones last longer by spraying or painting clear varnish on them. Get an adult to help with this step.



TOP TIP
Have a creative storytelling session with friends or family, using story stones for inspiration!

TOP TIP
You could create story stone sets! How about an underwater collection or a safari set?

5 When they're dry, pop your stones in the bag and use them to tell stories! See the column for more story-telling ideas!



SUPER STORY GENERATOR!

Get some inspiration for your creative writing...

1 Pick three or four story stones out of the bag and write a story that includes all of them!

A **crab** crawling, a **house** with a **red roof**, a **shark** near a **beach** – take a few totally **different story stones** and use your **imagination** to **link them** all together. You're guaranteed an interesting story!

To make it trickier, make the objects appear in your story **in the same order** you took them out of the bag!

2 Start with a setting or a place...

Set the scene! Water gently lapping on a **deserted beach**, wind blowing through **trees in a jungle**, or lights illuminating a **city street** – where will you begin?



3 Write a story from a different point of view...

Imagine you're a **stairwell** in an old building, a **badger** down a burrow or a **wave** in a fierce ocean!



4 Use a timer!

Set a timer for **30 minutes** and write a **short story**. Set it for **15 minutes** and write a **poem**. Set it for **five minutes** and write the **titles of five chapters**. There's nothing like **racing against the clock** to give your imagination a kick-start!

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Head to the **Home is Good hub** on the **Nat Geo Kids website** to find loads more cool crafts. Which one of these will you have a go at?

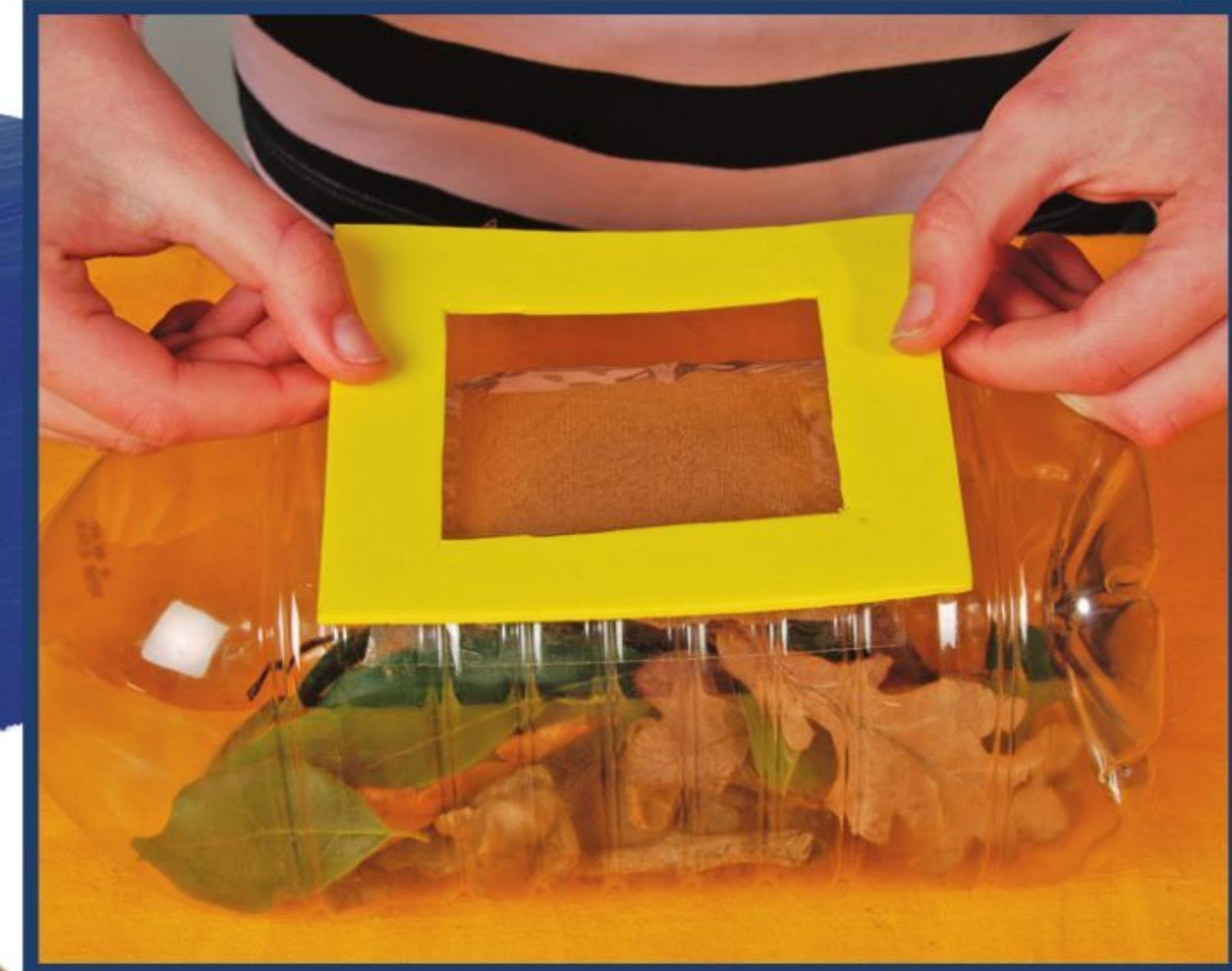
MAKE A TREASURE MAP

Avast, me hearties! Challenge your family to find the **hidden booty**!



BUG HOTEL

Learn how to make a garden **home** for your **bug buddies**!



PET BED

Pamper your pet with this cool **cushion**! It's **purr-fect** for keeping them cosy!



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Prepare for **blast-off** with this exciting **explosive experiment**!

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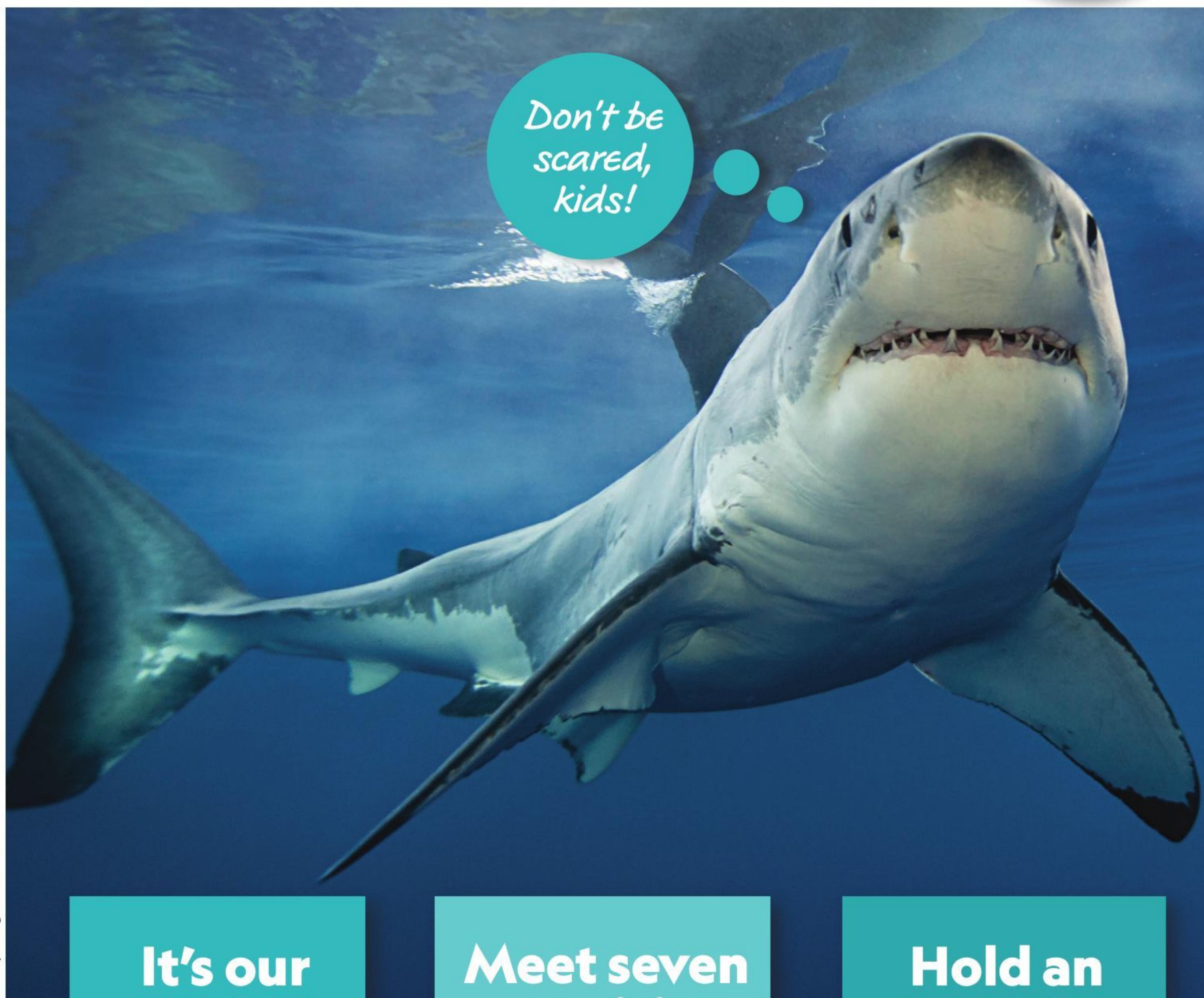
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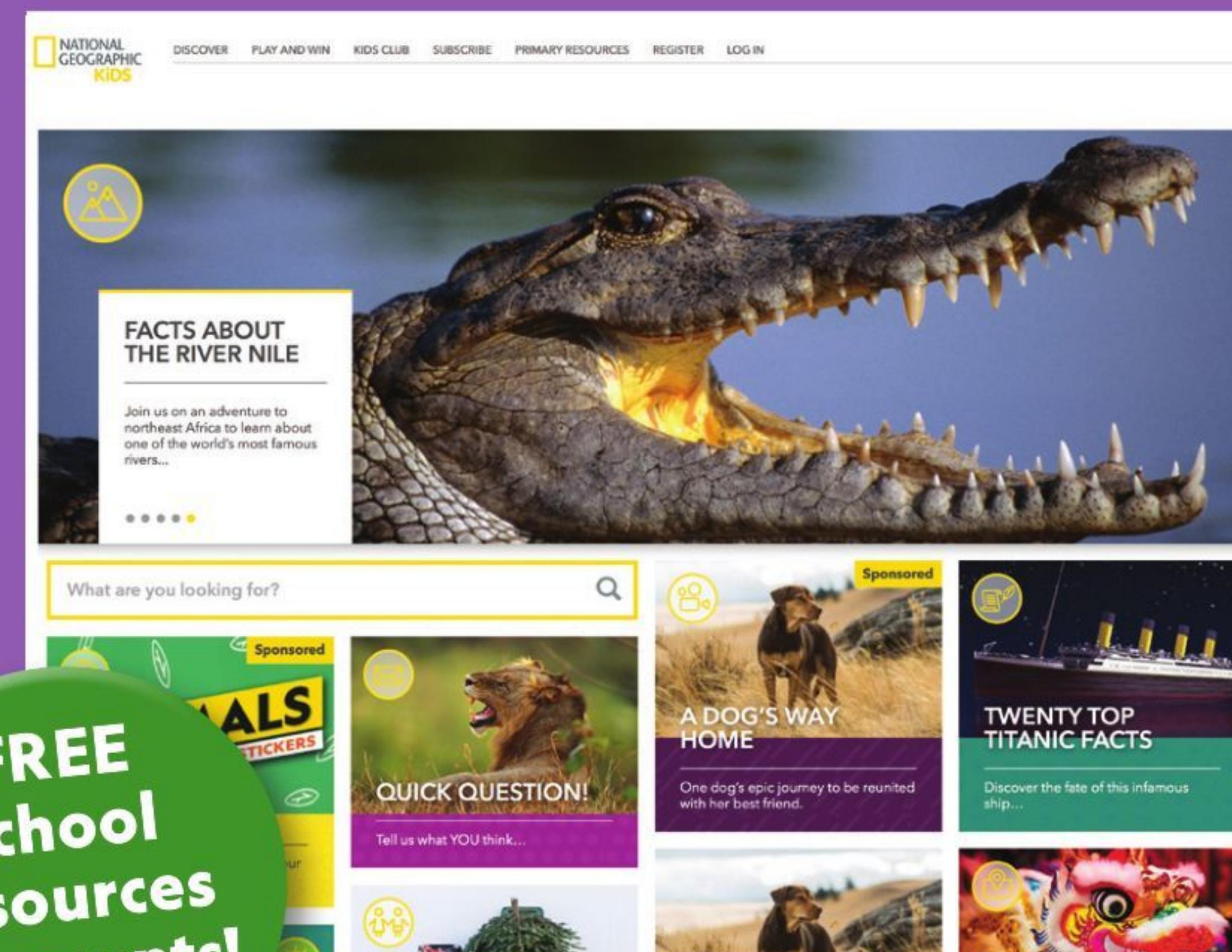
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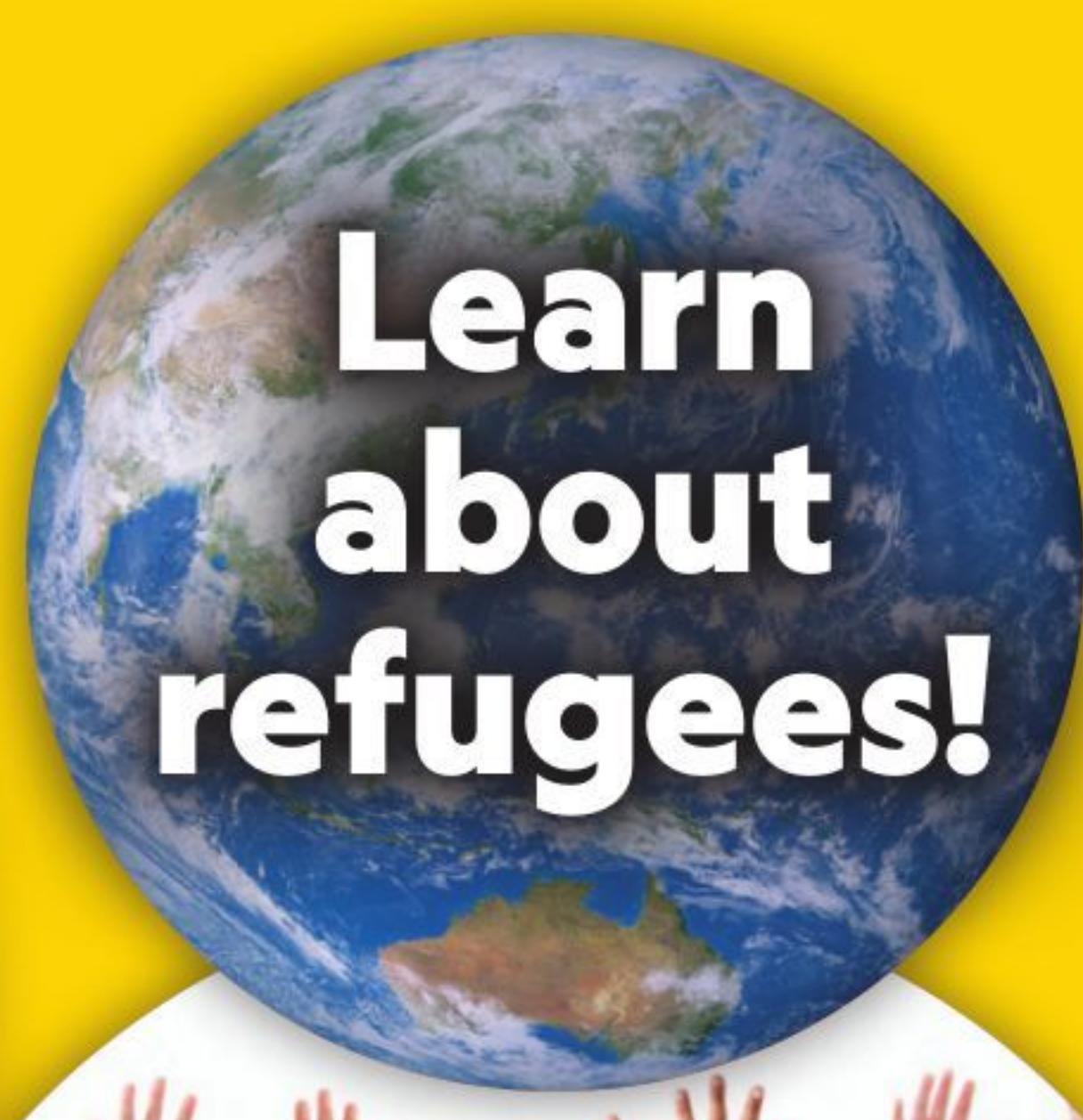
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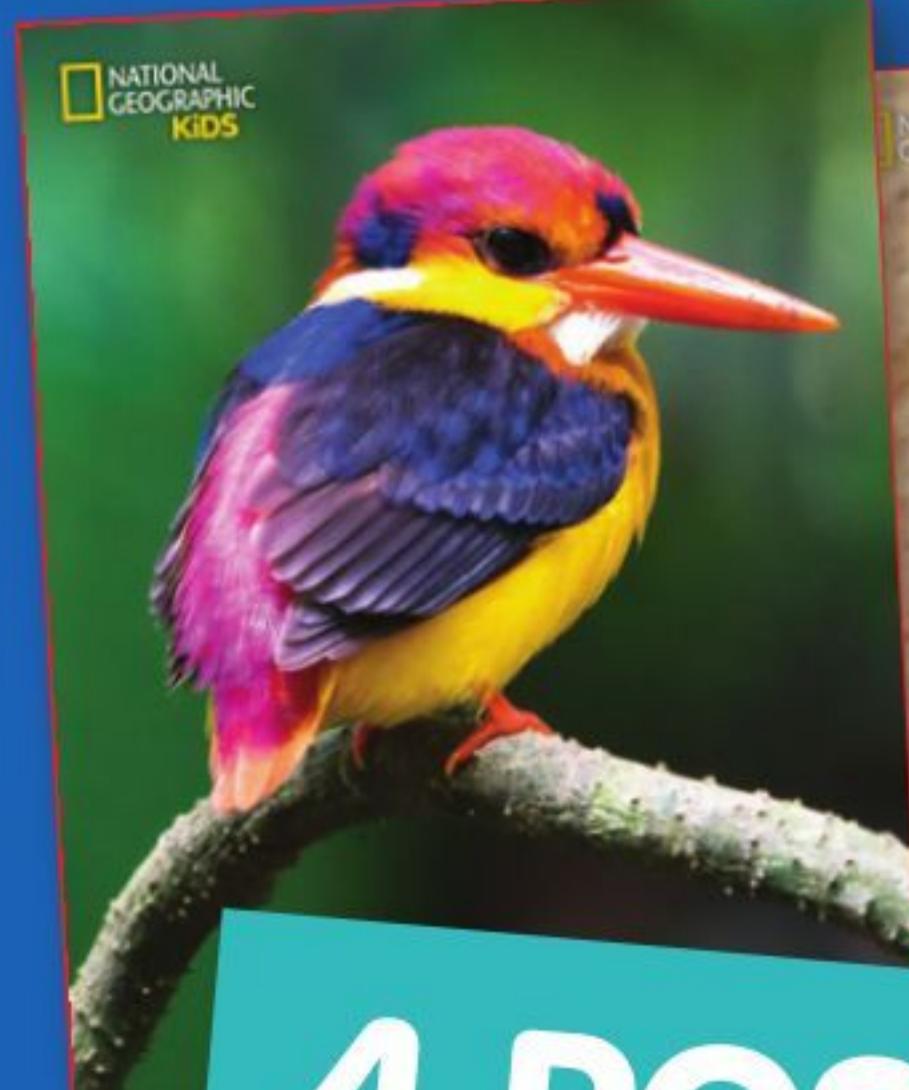


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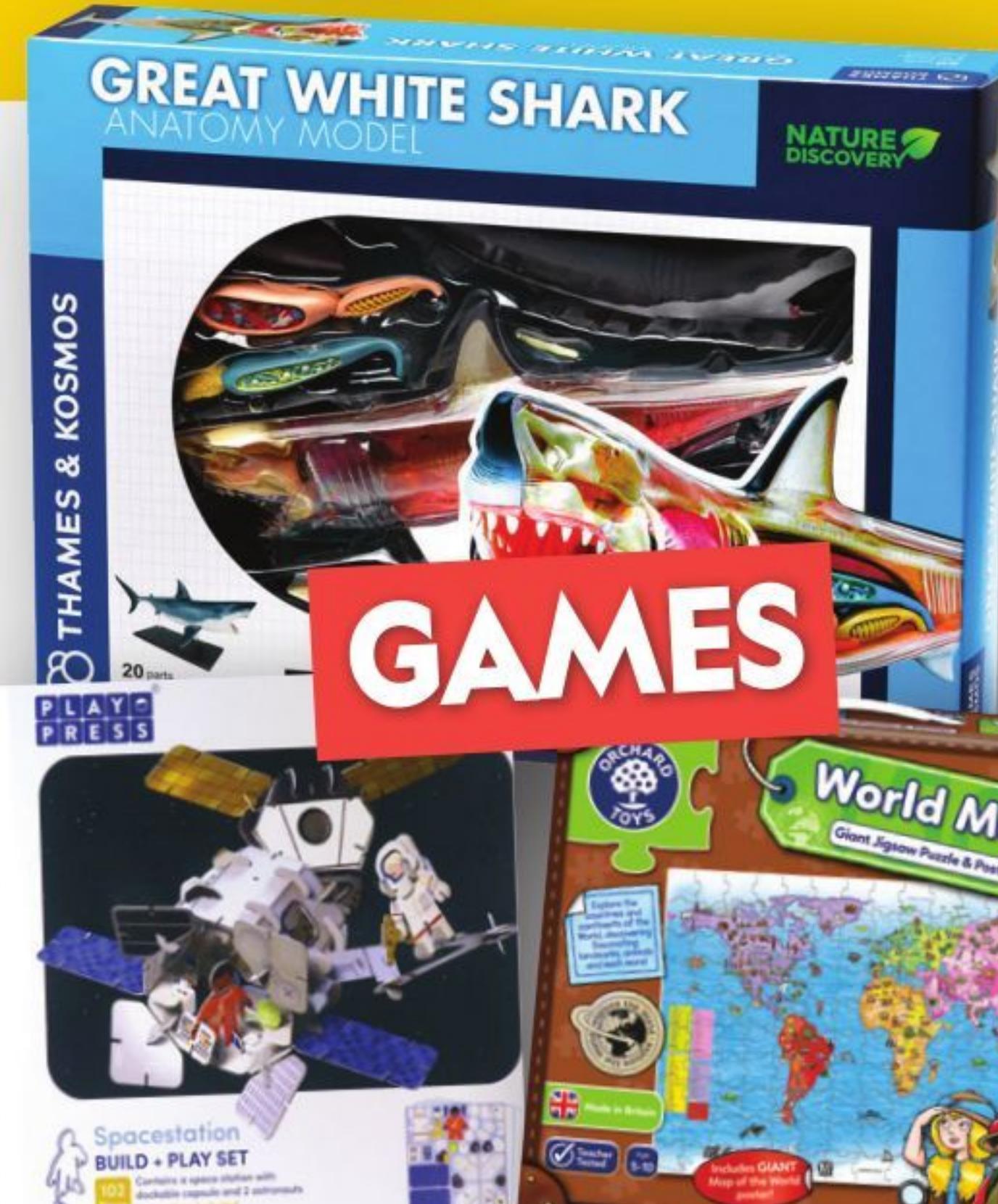


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